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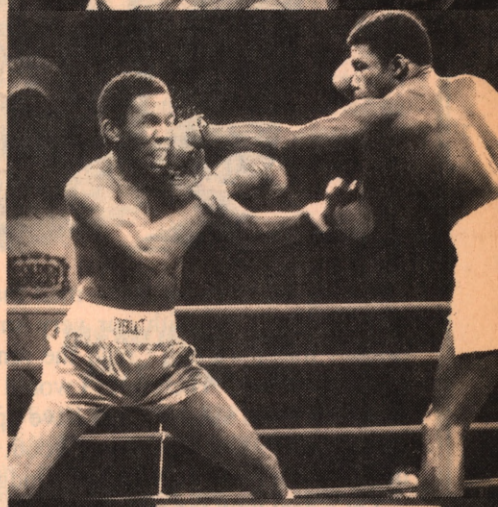

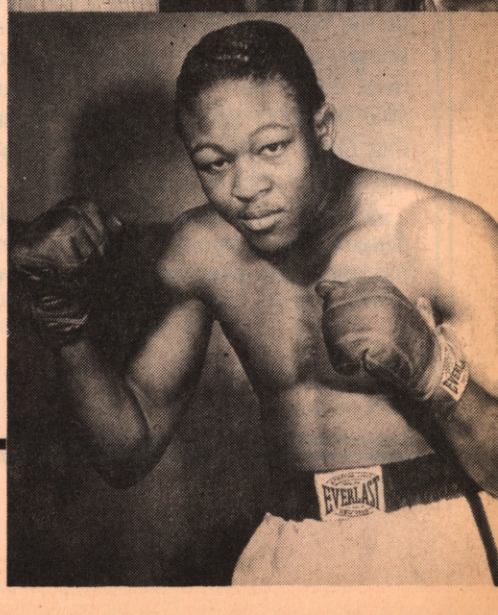

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The Ring receives far more mail than we can possibly publish in "Come Out Writing" or (with our very small staff) answer personally. But that doesn't mean we don't read the remainder and give careful consideration to their contents. Therefore, I would like to take this month's editorial space to address two subjects that have apparently been on quite a few readers' minds lately. One involves a good, but impractical suggestion. The other deals with a temporary lapse in judgment.

Let's deal with the sticky topic first. Both our March and April '86 issues carried advertisements for "air pistols" and "pellet guns." Many readers found these ads objectionable, and let us know in no uncertain terms. And while I'm sure the products advertised are altogether acceptable in their proper place . . . that place is obviously not *The Ring*.

To those offended, I apologize. *The Ring* will no longer carry ads for any such weaponry.

Now, about that suggestion so many of you have written to us about. A large number of readers have asked why we don't carry a schedule of upcoming fights. Sounds like a simple, informative idea. Right? Wrong!

Unfortunately, it just won't work because of the very nature of a monthly magazine. In order to reach the newsstands on time, the copy deadline for each issue is almost two months in advance of the on-sale date.

As all hardcore fight buffs know, boxing isn't exactly run along the lines of the National Football League, or even the local Little League for that matter. A helluva lot can happen to a fight card in two months. In fact, most shows aren't even made that far beforehand. Then there are the inevitable pull-outs and last minute substitutions. Any fight schedule prepared that much ahead of time would be hopelessly outdated come fight time. In this case, I feel that no information is better than misinformation.

Although it can be fruitless and often fatal to try to please everyone, *The Ring* remains responsive to the opinions of its consumers. I hope this column has answered a few questions and encouraged more. □

Nigel Collins

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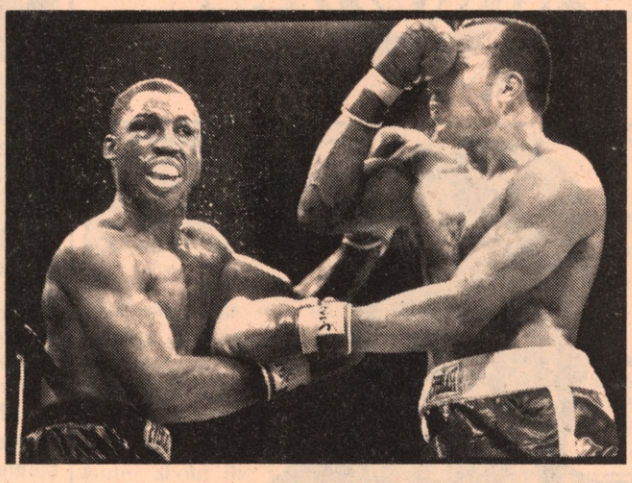

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Reader Bowen J. Knarr thinks Bonecrusher Smith (right) was robbed of the decision in his recent bout with Marvis Frazier.

WAS IT SUICIDE . . . OR MURDER?

I JUST FELT I SHOULD WRITE TO YOU about the article by Joseph D'O'Brian, "Another Kind Of Punchdrunk," in the March '86 edition of *The Ring*. Whilst enjoying the article greatly, and also admiring the writing of D'O'Brian in general, I felt that I should bring to your notice a program on British TV concerning the death of Freddie Mills.

In Mr. D'O'Brian's article he states that Freddie Mills committed suicide. In the television program the facts concerning his death were highlighted. It showed that the supposed suicide was debatable to say the least, and it was more likely that he was murdered due to his refusal to pay protection money to racketeers.

KIM BONNEY
London, England

ABSENTEE CHAMPION

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO TOMMY Hearns, it seems unfair to the rest of the junior middleweights for *The Ring* to recognize him as champion. While Hearns' pursuit of M. M. Hagler's title is admirable, the rest of the junior middleweight division does not grind to a halt during his quest. No, they continue to fight, striving to be recognized as the best in their weight class—something they cannot accomplish until they beat the champion. Meanwhile, Hearns last fought a top contender when he demolished Roberto Duran almost two years ago. Since then, he has fought mostly middleweights and apparently intends to chase after Hagler's crown rather than rule over his own division. It's time for *The Ring* to demand that Tommy defend the title he holds, or give him a gold watch and wish him luck with the big boys. Two years of inactivity is too long.

DAVID SILVA
Brooklyn, New York

ROOM FOR ONE MORE?

IN RESPONSE TO THE NEWS OF THE birth of the Universal Boxing Association (*The Ring*, "Round One," Feb. '86), I'd like to announce the formation of "The Ultimate Boxing Association," or TUBA. What the heck, if there's room for four, there's room for five.

I'll be using *The Ring*'s ratings in determining most champions and challengers, with just a few exceptions. For instance, I myself will be heavyweight champion. Why not? After all, I *am* undefeated in bouts with top ten contenders. I'll be glad to defend my title against any of these guys, providing they don't mind helping me clean up my garage so we can set up the ring.

MARK JONES
Los Angeles, California

"ROCKY" BAD FOR BOXING?

ANYONE WHO LOOKS SOBERLY AT the "Rocky" films must realize that they only do harm to the sport of boxing. What parent, after viewing the overdone scenes of blood and brutality, would want their child to box? Last week, I looked at J.C. Penney's latest catalogs, including the Christmas '85 issue. There were plenty of ads for "fitness gear," both adults and children, but no boxing gloves.

MARCEL TERRAT
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMORIES ARE NOT ENOUGH

I READ IN THE NEWSPAPER THAT Smokin' Joe Frazier censured his fellow former greats for their lack of participation in the game that gave them their fame. He's so right! Now, more than ever before, boxing needs its Emile Griffiths, Floyd Pattersons and Smokin' Joes at ringside to boost its paling image. Memories just aren't enough. The boxing public needs to see that old champs still actively support their former livelihood. Boxing needs these legends around to endorse the sport and to stand up to pressures that are continuously trying to undermine its existence. I'm looking forward to a day when I see lots of old familiar broken schnozes in the corners.

RICKY HORAN
Katonah, New York

WIN NOW, PAY LATER

I BELIEVE "BONECRUSHER" SMITH was robbed and that Marvis Frazier received a gift he'll end up paying for later. I agree with the crowd, heard booing the decision as the TV show went off the air. Smith fought a better fight, hurting his opponent several times and knocking him down once. What the fight judges watched, I'll never know.

BOWEN J. KNARR
Norristown, Pa.

Round One

by Nigel Collins

ONLY THE GOOD DIE YOUNG

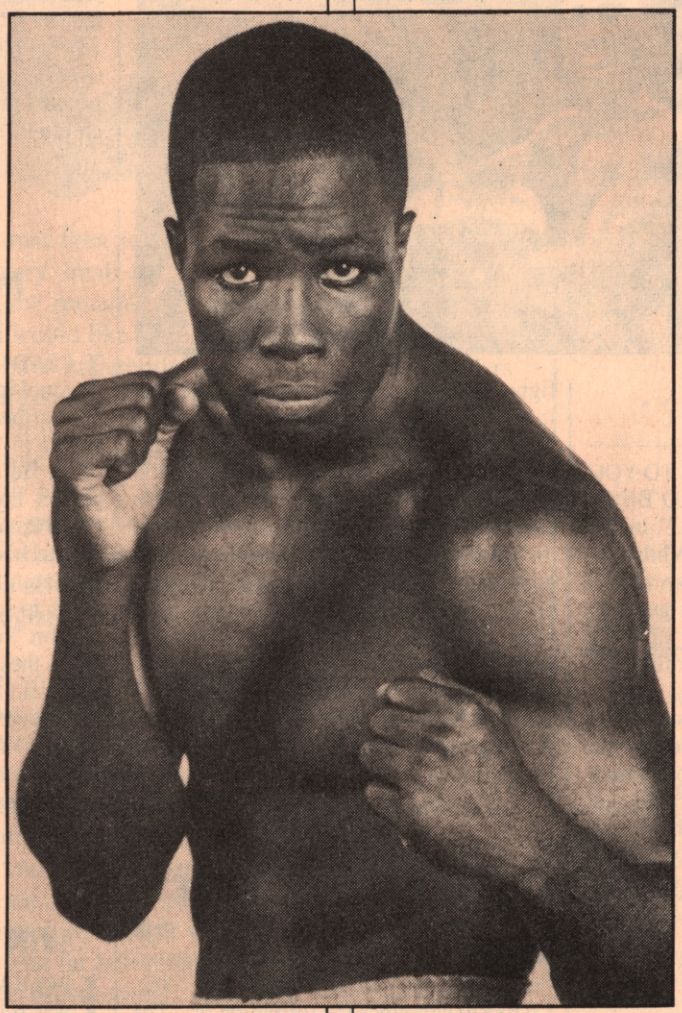
There was something dreadfully prophetic about the last time we saw **James Shuler**. He was stretched out on the canvas at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, a first round victim of **Thomas Hearns'** right-hand bombs. Although he quickly regained consciousness, for a moment or two, the Philadelphia middleweight looked practically dead. Ten days later, he was.

Shuler returned home after suffering the first loss of his 22-1 (16 kayoes) professional career, and shortly thereafter, purchased a motorcycle with part of his $250,000 purse. James still had the temporary registration in his pocket when he rammed the bike into the side of a tractor-trailer. The former North American Boxing Federation champion was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

1,500 people packed the Second Pilgrim Baptist Church for Shuler's funeral a week later. Among the mourners was Hearns, who returned the NABF championship belt he had won from Shuler only a few weeks before. "I think that he deserved it a lot more than I did," said Hearns. "It's been in the family a long time, a lot longer than I had it."

President Ronald Reagan sent a telegram that was read aloud to the congregation. Norman Spencer, Shuler's high school principal, said that a yearly scholarship in memory of James will be established at the Benjamin Franklin High School.

While it is true that the death of any man diminishes us all, Shuler's tragically premature demise was especially sad. He was 26 at the time of the accident, but still very much an innocent. In a business where backbiting and petty jealousies run rampant, nobody ever had a bad word to say about Shuler. Although he never won a world title, Shuler was still a champion to everyone who knew him.



Philadelphia middleweight contender James Shuler: dead at age 26, the victim of a motorcycle accident.

photo by Pete Goldfield

FINAL BELL FOR WATT AND GLENCROSS

The sad tone of this month's column continues with the news of two boxing deaths in Great Britain. Scottish welterweight champion **Steve Watt** lapsed into a coma and died after being stopped by **Rocky Kelly** in the 10th round of their match at the London West Hotel on March 14th. Watt, 28, was not, as Harry Mullan, editor of *Boxing News*, noted, "overmatched, under-trained, weight-weakened, or over-worked." He was the victim of a high-risk sport. "Watt was a mature man who knew, understood and accepted the risk," continued Mullan. "That knowledge is scant consolation for his family, or for poor Rocky Kelly, but it is all we can offer."

Later in March, former Scottish flyweight **Eddie Glencross** was found dead on the streets of Glasgow, the apparent victim of a mugging. Eddie won the Scottish light flyweight title as an amateur and recorded a 5-8-3 record as a pro. He leaves a wife and two children. His death made even less sense than Watt's.

MORE HARD KNOCKS FOR BOOM BOOM

As reported in last month's "Ask the Stars" column, **Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini** has been busy filming a TV movie in Mexico called *Oceans of Fire* (originally titled *The Rig*). Despite the fact that he hasn't fought since losing his rematch to **Livingstone Bramble** last year, Ray is still taking plenty of knocks in his new profession. "I had this fight with (former football star) **Lyle Alzado**, said Ray. "We had to do three takes. Lyle banged my head and (co-star) **Gregory Harrison** hit me in the mouth with his elbow. I thought I'd retired from all this stuff." Former WBC heavyweight champion **Ken Norton** also has a role in the flick.

Round One

ROSIN DUST

The **World Boxing Council** has filed a lawsuit against **Howard Cosell** saying he slandered the organization in his latest book, *I Never Played the Game*. . . . **Lonnie Smith's** bad luck continues. The WBC super lightweight champion suffered nerve and ligament damage to his left elbow and arm, forcing the third postponement of his scheduled match with **Rene Arredondo** in Los Angeles. **Azetca Promotions** were also unhappy. They claimed to have already sold out the Olympic Auditorium . . . an article in the New York *Times* reports that **Marvelous Marvin Hagler** is cleaning up with his new endorsements. He pulled down between $25,000 and $50,000 for his Pizza Hut commercial, another $50,000 for his Harrah's Hotel Casino spot, and although a spokesman for Diet Coke declined to say how much Marvin received for his latest TV ad, it was reportedly his largest to date . . . the battle is on for the loyalties of undisputed welterweight champion **Donald Curry**. His contract with longtime manager **Dave**

Ray Mancini and Ken Norton (background, wearing headband) try to look sad for the cameras during a funeral scene from their upcoming CBS-TV movie, "Oceans of Fire."

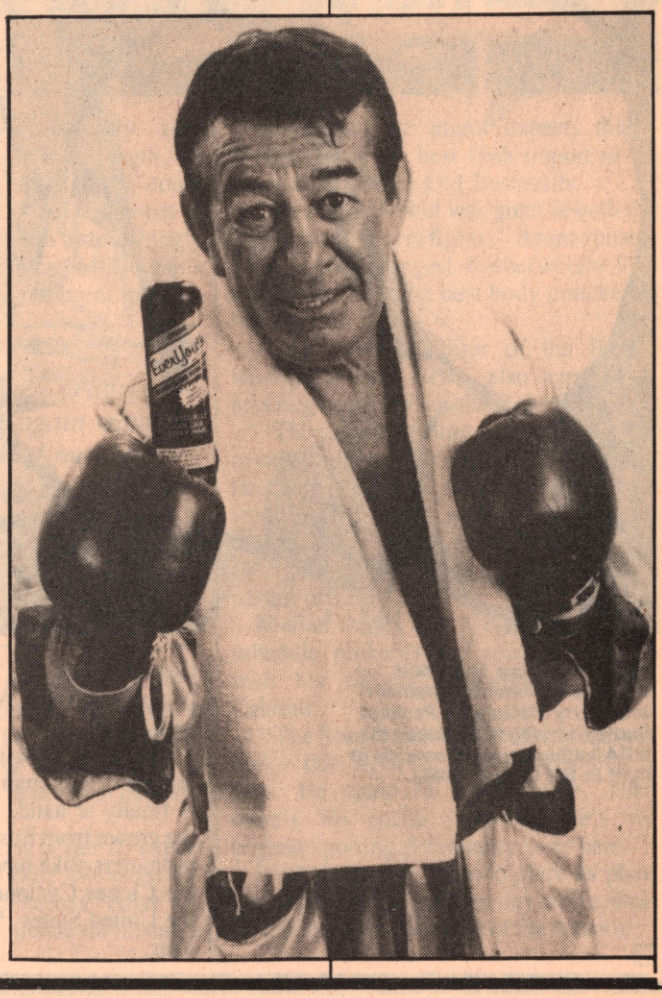
Gorman runs out in September and former Top Rank vice-president **Akbar Muhammad** is rumored to have the inside track . . . Gorman, who sounds understandably bitter about the whole deal, calls Muhammad "Arum's Carl King." . . . our friends at **Compu Box, Inc.** tell us that Hagler threw a total of 707 punches at **John (The Beast) Mugabi** and landed 398 of them. Mugabi, on the other hand, connected with 200 out of 518 blows aimed in Hagler's direction . . . **Bobby Chacon** was sentenced to six months in the slammer for violating his probation, granted in a 1984 wife-beating case. Chacon is free on bail pending an appeal . . . former middleweight champion **Rocky Graziano** is currently plugging "EverYouth," a gradual hair color treatment for men. Part of the hype surrounding The Rock's association with the product mentions a few of Graziano's "important" friends like **Paul Newman, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Martha Raye**, and **Ronald Reagan.** Now, I don't know about Martha Raye, but we all know President Reagan doesn't dye his hair . . . don't we? . . . what may very well be America's only hour long weekly radio boxing show is now being produced on **WNOC** every Saturday at noon in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Co-host of the show are **Al Moreland** and **Alan Eisenberg** . . . the show is called "Knockout."

Somebody up there still likes him. Former middleweight champion Rocky Garziano stays young plugging hair dye for the geriatric set.

PUNCHLINES

WBA heavyweight champion **Trevor Berbick**, striving mightily to explain his fight philosophy (or something like that): "I never use my mind very much because I know what psychology is all about."

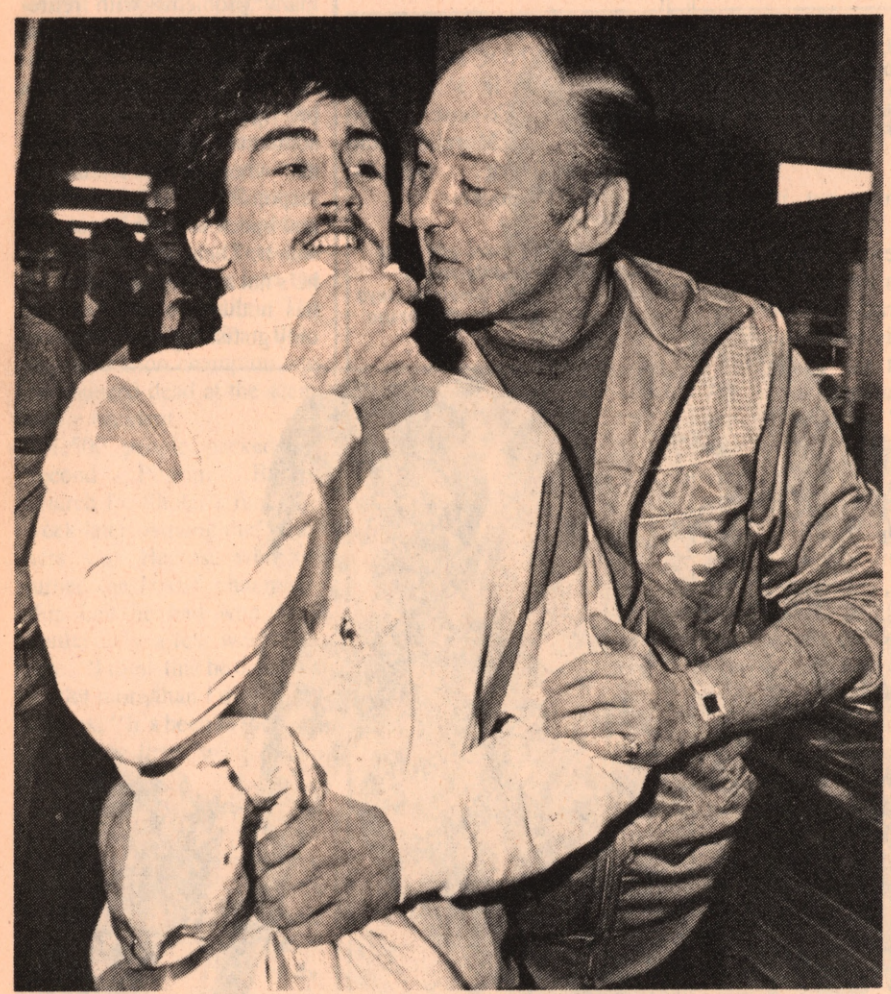
Alexis Arguello's manager, **Bill Miller,** revealing one of the reasons Alexis had so many problems with retirement to Richard Hoffer of the Los Angeles *Times*: "From the time he was 15, he was a pro fighter. There was always someone telling him when to eat, when to run. He had no responsibility. Go to fights and knock somebody out; that was it. Then, all of a sudden, he's not a fighter anymore. He has nothing to do. You can only go fishing so much." □



BARRY'S BACK IN THE USA

Barry McGuigan: A Breath Of Fresh Irish Air

by Nigel Collins



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Manager Barney Eastwood shares a confidential moment with Barry McGuigan. Perhaps Barney is trying to persuade the WBA featherweight champion to fight in the United States.

GREAT DAY IN THE MORNING. THE Irish are coming. And the Yanks couldn't be happier.

The long anticipated arrival of WBA featherweight champion Barry McGuigan is finally at hand. Ever since Barry won the crown from Eusebio Pedroza, fans and promoters alike have been clammering for the Clones Cyclone to defend his title in the United States. Now the wait is almost over.

There was no fanfare the first time McGuigan came to the United States in the summer of '83. Things were a little different then. His one-round knockout over one Lavon McGowan in Chicago went practically unnoticed. Since then, Barry has become one of the most popular and sought after fighters in the world. This time, he returned in grand style, barnstorming the nation this past April on a 10-city tour to publicize his upcoming June defense against Fernando Sosa in Las Vegas.

Getting McGuigan to agree to fight in America again wasn't easy. Both he and manager Barney Eastwood were reluctant to leave their home base and the fanatical support they receive there.

"I have never been in favor of coming to the United States," said Eastwood, during an exclusive interview with *The Ring*.

"Barry has done so much for the local community, both north and south. He brings both sides together, even if it's only for one night. In a way, it's a pity to move him on. In fact, if it wasn't for a cutback in American TV money, there would have been no reason not to stay (in Ireland). After the ratings Barry got in his last fight against (Danilo) Cabrera, they should have increased the TV money 50%. Instead, they wanted to cut it back."

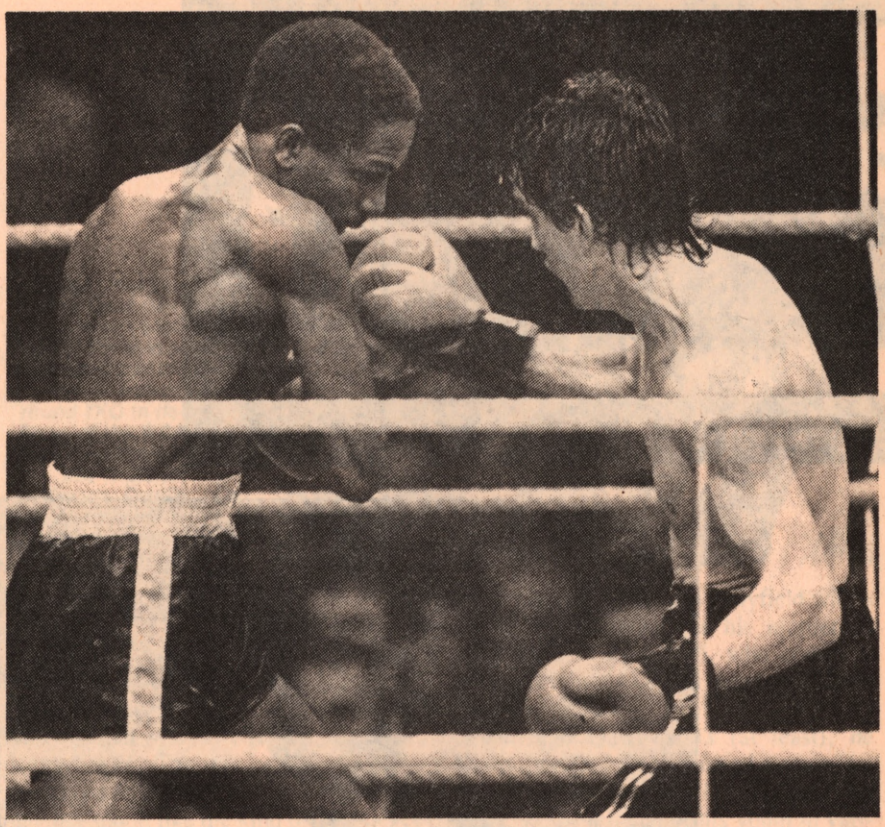
McGuigan's conciliatory effect on Ireland's warring factions is not the only reason it was so difficult to lure him back to the land of the dollar and the home of millions of Irish-Americans.

"When Barry came to the United States to fight in 1983, he got very homesick," explains Eastwood. "He was okay for the first 10 or 12 days, but then he got very lonely. I could see it coming on. He's just a wee, country boy, you know. He missed the green grass and the countryside. He doesn't even like being in the city when he's home."

Although Barry was hesitant at first, Eastwood finally convinced the champion that a return to the United States would be an appropriate career move.

"I told him it was for his own good. I explained to him that he could be a very big star in America. I have a lot of things in mind for Barry, and this is a good step forward. It will be good for his image. We're also hoping to pick up some spin-off endorsements," said Eastwood, who could teach a few American managers a thing or two about packaging a fighter.

Eastwood is not the only one who sees a huge dollar sign hovering over Barry's



The surprisingly competitive nature of the McGuigan-Cabrera match in Dublin has raised questions. Although Barry finally wore Cabrera down for a TKO victory, he was severely tested before putting his Dominican challenger away in the 14th round.

invasion of the United States. Promoter Bob Arum is equally optimistic. And not without good reason.

"Although I knew how popular Barry was in England and Ireland, at first I didn't realize how popular he is here," said Arum, speaking from Top Rank headquarters in Manhattan. "But people can't get enough of him. His fight with Sosa is going to be the fastest sell-out in the history of Caesars Palace. They sold 10,000 tickets before they were even printed, just by word of mouth."

Spoken like a true promoter, but it's easy to understand why Eastwood and Arum are so enamored. McGuigan breathes a breath of fresh air into boxing at a time when the sport is in desperate need of new heroes. Barry's unassuming personality and bright-eyed appearance are in sharp contrast to many of the loudmouth braggarts and forbidding ex-cons currently populating boxing's upper echelon. His unsoiled reputation and exemplary home life make him a perfect role model for today's youth.

If all this sounds a little corny, remember . . . corn sells.

And let's not ignore the commercial importance of McGuigan's skin pigmentation. As unpalatable as that side of boxing may be, it is still a financial fact of life.

Of course, another win is imperative. All the grandiose plans for McGuigan will go down the tube if the challenger wins. Sosa, a pro since 1980, is no chump. He was originally supposed to meet McGuigan this past February, but Cabrera was substituted when Fernando pulled out with a broken finger.

Sosa is the Argentine and South American featherweight champion and boasts a 43-3-3 pro record. Only 14 of his wins have come inside the distance, so Sosa evidently isn't much of a puncher. Nevertheless, after Barry's see-saw struggle with the unheralded Cabrera in Dublin, no challenger should be taken lightly.

Although Cabrera eventually succumbed to Barry's superior strength, he gave the Irishman all the fight he could handle, opening cuts around both eyes in what turned out to be an astonishingly competitive fight. In fact, McGuigan's performances in both the Cabrera and Bernard Taylor defenses raised several questions: Is Barry as good as he appeared beating the legendary Pedroza for the title? Or was Pedroza so far past his peak he made McGuigan look better than he really is?

Getting McGuigan to agree to fight in America again wasn't easy. Both he and manager Barney Eastwood were reluctant to leave their home base and the fanatical support they receive there.

On the other hand, is it fair to expect perfection every time out? We often expect too much of our heroes. After all, McGuigan did score inside-the-distance wins in both fights.

Arum, as one might expect, thinks McGuigan is the best Irish import to hit these shores since Old Bushmills.

"I thought the kid was great in both the Taylor and Cabrera fights," Arum opined. "He is the strongest featherweight I've ever seen. He's the best body puncher in boxing."

Harry Mullan, editor of the British weekly, *Boxing News*, also agrees that McGuigan is making the right move.

"The general feeling here is that it's an overdue move. Barry has outgrown England and Ireland," said Mullan. "But I would have been happier if he had taken a break before going to the States instead of cramming so much into such a short period of time."

Mullan thinks that McGuigan's hectic schedule probably had something to do with his sub-par performance against Cabrera.

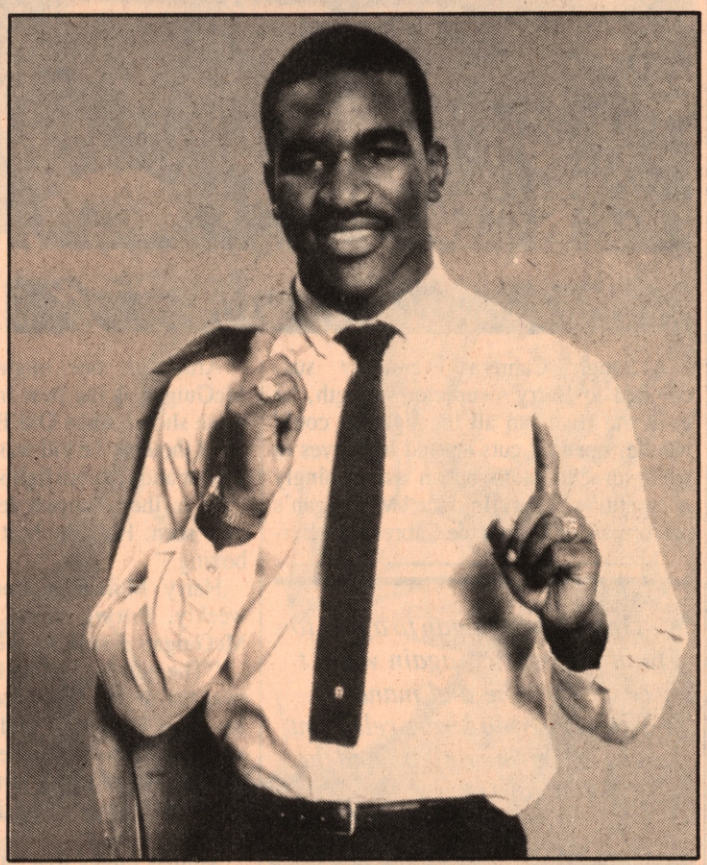
"The Sosa match will be Barry's fourth major title fight in a little more than a year. He could be getting stale. Then there's his social program. He's the biggest sporting personality over here."

If all the pieces fall into place as planned, McGuigan could one day hold a similar distinction on this side of the Atlantic. □

QAWI AND HOLYFIELD ON CRUISERWEIGHT COLLISION COURSE

Pending Showdown Pumps New Life Into Dull Division

by Nigel Collins



Despite his raised finger and positive attitude, Evander Holyfield isn't No. 1 yet. First, he has to beat Dwight Muhammad Qawi for the WBA junior heavyweight belt . . . no easy task.

SINCE ITS CONCEPTION BY THE WORLD Boxing Council in 1979, the cruiserweight division has been a boxing wasteland, attracting about as much attention as a pick-up basketball game in a neighborhood parking lot. For the most part, the champions, from Marvin Camel (remember him?) to Osvaldo "Jaws" Ocasio have been an uninspiring lot. Even Carlos DeLeon, currently in his third reincarnation as the WBC titleholder, has failed to stimulate the public's imagination. But lo and behold, boxing buffs are finally buzzing with anticipation of—of all things—a cruiserweight title fight. All it took was a good match between two good fighters.

We speak, of course, of the impending Dwight Muhammad Qawi-Evander Holyfield match for Qawi's WBA junior heavyweight title. It is the first cruiserweight fight to have even a hint of glamour attached to it, partly because Holyfield is the first of America's 1984 Olympic heroes to try his luck at winning a professional title.

But Holyfield is not the only attractive component the bout has going for it. Qawi, the former WBC light heavyweight champion, is far better known to the average sports fan than any of his predecessors. Back in the days when he called himself Dwight Braxton, the "Camden Buzzsaw" earned a reputation as one of the fiercest competitors to ever hold the 175-pound crown. Although outboxed by Michael Spinks in their 1983 title unification bout, Qawi bounced back to win the WBA 190-pound belt with an 11th round knockout of Piet Crous. However, it was Dwight's recent defense over Leon Spinks that really whet the public's appetite for his showdown with Holyfield.

Leon, making one last effort to salvage what was left of his career, had put together a modest winning streak. But if the truth be known, it was the marquee value of his name, not his ring accomplishments, that earned him the shot. Even those among us who can't tell you who the current heavyweight champion is (not an easy question these days), know who Leon is.

Unfortunately for Leon, his name is about all he has left. That, and enough courage to get him seriously hurt if he continues to fight. Qawi ate him alive, scoring a TKO when referee Mills Lane sensibly decided to terminate the slaughter 2:54 into the sixth round.

"Paying $100 for a price of a ticket doesn't give anyone the right to see someone killed," said Lane, providing the bottom line to what had been a one-sided massacre.

Much was made of the fact that Spinks experienced problems making weight. In his last start prior to meeting Qawi (an eighth-round TKO over Kip Kane for the Continental Americas heavyweight title), Leon had weighed a blubbery 213. It proved a portent of problems to come. Spinks failed to make the 190-pound division limit on his first trip to the scales, and was forced to shed almost two pounds the day of the fight. And while this certainly sapped his strength, Qawi would probably have beaten him anyway. Dwight is simply a better all-round fighter.

The pattern of the fight seldom varied. Qawi, fighting out of his familiar crouch, repeatedly pinned Leon on the ropes and then proceeded to unload with everything in his arsenal. Every now and then, Spinks would answer with a few punches of his own, but they were a mere spit in the ocean compared to the tidal wave of

leather coming from Qawi.

The sparse crowd inside Reno, Nevada's Lawlor Events Center and ABC-TV's home audience were provided little in the way of competitive action. Round after round, Qawi abused poor Leon both physically and mentally. On several occasions, the champion taunted his challenger, grinning and sticking out his tongue in a provocative manner designed to antagonize Spinks and encourage recklessness.

"He was laying on the ropes and I was laying on him," said Qawi. "Every time I'd taunt him, he'd swing."

With Qawi landing at will, it was a testament to Leon's heart and willpower that he never went down. Just when the fight threatened to degenerate into a sickening spectacle, Lane made his move—much to the relief of all concerned, including Spinks.

"Every time a fighter goes into the ring, he has a strategy. Mine didn't work for me. I got a little lazy. He got in more (punches) than I should have let him," said Spinks in a classic understatement.

Still fired up following his 26th victory in 29 pro bouts, Qawi turned his attention to Holyfield, who was in Reno on a ringside scouting mission. Dwight engaged Evander in a shoving match, adding little dignity to the proceedings, but probably stimulating ticket sales for their upcoming encounter.

"It sure took me by surprise," said Holyfield, recalling the unscheduled altercation. "I just got into the ring to be interviewed. I had my back turned to Qawi when he grabbed me."

"To a certain extent, that stuff was showmanship," explained Qawi a few days after devastating Spinks. "But I'm gonna teach Holyfield a lesson, anyway. He's been getting a little too sassy."

When asked if he'd ever sparred with Evander, Qawi laughed.

"Are you kidding? Holyfield is scared to be in the same room with me. He might mess his diaper, or something."

WHILE QAWI WAS BUSY SHARPENING the teeth of his buzzsaw on Spinks, Holyfield is busy preparing for the biggest fight of his budding career. The 1984 Olympic bronze medalist hasn't exactly been resting on his laurels since turning pro in January of '85. Evander's progress through the professional ranks has been nothing short of sensational. He's faced stand-up opposition from the start and his third-round knockout over Chisanda Mutti had to give Qawi something to think about.

Dwight Muhammad Qawi (left) connects with a left hook to the chin of Leon Spinks on his way to a sixth-round TKO in defense of the WBA junior heavyweight title in Reno, Nevada. Qawi's next assignment is against Evander Holyfield.

Mutti, a German-based native of Zambia, was practically decapitated before referee Tony Wolfe finally stopped his March match with Holyfield in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The win raised Evander's pro record to 9-0 (six kayoes). Now, that may not sound like the kind of experience needed to tackle the likes of Qawi, but even before he was controversially disqualified at the Los Angeles Games, Holyfield was considered the most advanced member of the USA boxing team. Even then, he had that polished look of a seasoned professional.

Holyfield also displays a mature attitude about his quick rise to prominence in the often crazy world of professional boxing.

"I always knew I had talent," said Evander. "I'm very surprised with my development, but then I've been fighting since I was eight. I've learned the basics real well. The pro fights I've had have been against all different kinds of styles. Although I'm a little worried about going 15 rounds, I feel I can fight just as long and hard as the other guy."

Holyfield even takes Qawi's histrionics in stride.

"In the boxing business, sometimes you have to advertise. Two quiet, shy guys won't sell many tickets. You need someone to spark it up. Qawi's good at that. I just try to let my boxing speak for me."

Despite Holyfield's rapid progress, there is a strong possibility he is rushing into a title match a tad prematurely. Even members of Evander's camp admitted they were pulling for Leon to spring an upset. He would have provided Holyfield with a much cleaner target for his murderous combinations than Qawi, who comes at opponents bobbing and weaving like a mini-Joe Frazier.

Although Qawi is 33 (at least), he hardly presents the picture of a worn-out fighter looking for one last payday. Because he spent much of his youth in various penal institutions, Dwight got off to a late start in boxing. He has never taken a beating in the ring, and even his loss to Michael Spinks was close.

It all adds up to an intriguing match, a match that has finally put the cruiserweights in the limelight after almost seven years of virtual obscurity. How long the division can retain the public's interest probably depends on who wins.

If Holyfield comes out on top, the cruisers will probably have their first legitimate star, especially if Evander wins in a spectacular manner. But if Qawi prevails, he is likely to go after Spinks, providing Michael retains his IBF belt in his rematch with Larry Holmes. Of course, a lot of people find the idea of the 5-foot-6¾ Qawi fighting for the heavyweight title rather amusing. But as Dwight is quick to point out, "Tommy Burns was only 5-foot-7."

But before seeking to avenge himself against Michael, Qawi has a date with Holyfield. That date just might mark the beginning of a new era of respectability for the cruiserweight division. Holyfield would be the first to agree.

"I've always felt that the problem with the cruiserweights was not the division," opined Evander, "but the fighters in it." □

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ASK THE ANSWERMAN

Referee Arthur Donovan waves Ken Overlin away from fallen Ceferino Garcia after Garcia slipped to the canvas during an exchange in the first round of their 15-round middleweight title bout at Madison Square Garden. Overin won the decision and partial recognition as world champion.

Q: I have always wondered why, in boxing, two grown men fight over a purse. Please explain.

NANCY GYLE
San Francisco, Calif.

A: *I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the Int. Boxing Research Organization in Guilford, New York. Perhaps they can be of help. In the meantime, may I suggest therapy?*

Q: When did the WBA get started? The WBC?

ERIC THOMPSON
Marietta, Pa.

A: *The WBA originated as the NBA (National Boxing Association) in 1921; the name was changed to WBA in 1962. The WBC was created in 1963.*

Q: Who did former middleweight champion Ken Overlin beat to win his title?

TOM MICHAEL
Decatur, Ill.

A: *Overlin won the New York State version of the crown with a unanimous decision over Ceferino Garcia in Madison Square Garden on May 23, 1940. He was never knocked out.*

Q: Was Wilfred Benitez the youngest fighter in history to win a world crown?

SANTOS AYALA
Bronx, New York

A: *Yes. Benitez was only 17 years, five months, and 23 days old when he outpointed Antonio Cervantes for the world junior welterweight title on March 6, 1976.*

Q: What is Gerrie Coetzee's career won-lost record? How many title bouts has he engaged in?

TIM MURPHY
Chippewa Falls, Wisc.

A: *Coetzee's first round kayo loss to Frank Bruno dropped his pro record to 30-5-1. He lost a 15-round unanimous decision to John Tate for the then vacant WBA heavyweight title on October 20, 1979, was kayoed by Mike Weaver in another unsuccessful bid for the WBA crown on October 25, 1980, finally won the title by knocking out Michael Dokes on September 23, 1983, and lost the title by Greg Page, also via kayo, on December 1, 1984.*

Q: Whatever happened to Jim Jacobs' plans to do a movie on the life of Harry Greb?

DAVID CORD
Detroit, Mich.

A: *They were put on the back burner, like so many other plans. Producing a commercial movie is no easy task.*

Q: I have a copy of your *Ring Record Book*, and notice that a lot of fights were held in St. Paul from the 1910s into the 1930s. What venue were all these bouts held in?

MEL KUSCHER
Madison, Wisc.

A: *The Auditorium.*

Q: Who had the most professional bouts of any world heavyweight champion?

JACK SEIDEL
Harvey, Ill.

A: *Ezzard Charles. After going 42-0 as an amateur, Ez turned pro in March, 1940 and had 122 pro contests through September, 1959.*

Q: What was the first world title bout held in Venezuela?

MIGUEL S. CRUZ
Miami, Fla.

A: *Champion Pascual Perez vs. challenger Ramon Arias for the world flyweight title at Nuevo Circo in Caracas on April 19, 1958. Perez won via a unanimous decision.*

Q: I know that Muhammad Ali's TKO victory over Jerry Quarry in Atlanta on October 26, 1970 was his first fight in three and a half years, but I believe Ali boxed an exhibition in Atlanta a few weeks prior to meeting Quarry. Can you supply details?

JOSEPH CLAYTON
Sioux Falls, S.D.

A: *Ali boxed four rounds with George Hill, two with Rufus Brassell, and two with Johnny Huggins in an exhibition in Atlanta on September 2, 1970. My great thanks to Sal Rappa for this information.*

WAITING TO WELCOME THE HERO

by Joseph D'O'Brian

Jack Dempsey accepts the "Mercury Award" from TV star and former sports writer Ed Sullivan.

LIKE THE MAN IN THE SONG SAID, WE ain't got nobody to love. That may not be all of what's wrong with boxing these days, but it certainly is a factor. Oh, sure, every good fighter has his fans, and even a few not-so-hot fighters manage to attract a following from time to time. But ask yourself this: Of all the fighters available today, is there one whose every move you follow, one that you live and die with every time he steps into the ring? I didn't think so. And therefore, is it any wonder that fight fans are a fast-shrinking minority?

Open your history books, and examine how boxing has become popular, unpopular and popular again over the past century. Note that whenever boxing experienced a boom, it was due to one or two men who were not only good fighters, but who were able to capture the public's imagination and make themselves not just respected, but adored.

Boxing was big in the 1880s because of John L. Sullivan and, to a lesser extent, George Dixon. When these two faded from the scene, boxing became a nothing sport, relegated to mining towns in California, Australia and Wales. It wasn't until Jack Dempsey came along, at the end of the 'teens, that the sport began to boom again.

When Dempsey left the scene, interest in boxing waned once more, not to revive until Joe Louis won everyone's heart a decade later.

The forties and fifties had Graziano and Ray Robinson. The sixties and seventies had Ali. The early eighties had Gerry Cooney and the two Rays, Leonard and Mancini. You can debate all you like about how great these guys were as fighters. Some of them were truly great, some were simply good. But no matter what their abilities in the ring, these fighters were able to inspire real love, real human concern for their careers, their lives outside the ring, and their general well-being. Who do we have today who can do that?

This point was driven home to me a few weeks ago, on the night of the Hagler-

Mugabi fight. What happened was, I missed the fight. Not because I didn't think it would be good, but because I didn't care enough about either man to want to spend thirty bucks, especially when I had to get up early the next morning. So instead of sitting in a theater in front of the closed circuit screen, I sat home with a bottle of brandy, a few good albums and a book of essays by Anthony Burgess, secure in the knowledge that I'd read about it in the morning paper anyway.

Sad, huh?

Long-term, I'm not worried. Boxing may die, but it'll be killed by the AMA or the Alphabet Boys or by one or two greedy promoters, if it's killed at all. Inevitably, in a few years another hero will arise, one we can all love, cheer for and finally cry for. But in the meantime, just for the hell of it, let's figure out what it is that makes The Hero.

There's a common misconception that in order to be loved, truly loved, a fighter has to be clean-cut, good-looking, undefeated, white and politically correct. Not so. John L. Sullivan and George Dixon were drunks and womanizers; Dempsey was a mean-looking hobo; Graziano was an ex-convict and Ali held some very controversial political views.

It's not enough, either, for a boxer to be irresistible in the ring. If it were, guys like Tunney, Holmes, Archie Moore and Laszlo Papp would have been as big as Ali or Dempsey.

Think about it. Go over that list I gave you a few paragraphs ago. Sullivan, Dixon, Dempsey, Louis, Graziano, Robinson, Ali, Cooney, Leonard, Mancini. What was the one major talent these ten guys had in common, besides being none too shabby in the ring?

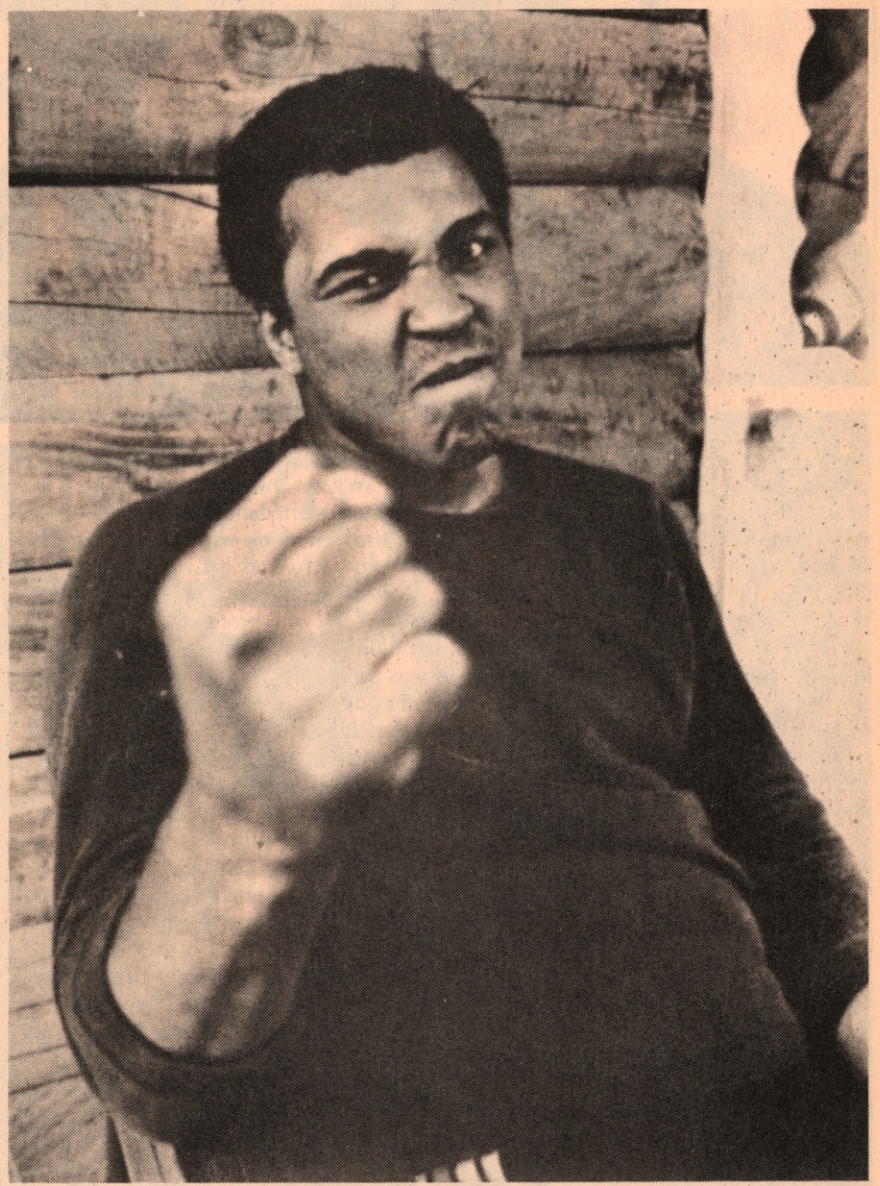
Their common talent, I believe, was that they were each able to present their entire persona to the fans. They didn't come across just as good fighters, but as genuinely interesting, worthwhile human beings.

If you think about this, you'll find that this sort of thing goes on in just about any artistic field. Charles Dickens is considered one of the greatest writers of all time partly because he exposed his personality to the reader, and the reader perceived a good man. Somerset Maugham is considered second-rate, not because he wasn't a good writer, but because he held back whatever humanity he had, and came across in his writing as a nasty old man who hated everybody. Beethoven was a great composer partly because he managed to share his craziness with the rest of the world; a composer like Bruckner was just a boring guy who wrote pretty good music.

Looking at it in this way, it's easy to see why a lot of great fighters don't really catch on with the public. Tunney was a great fighter, but he was also one of the biggest stuffed-shirt who ever lived.

The ten guys I mentioned before were different. Some of them just acted like themselves, and found that people took to them, like Dempsey or Graziano. Others thought about what the public wanted, and were smart enough to present themselves just right, like Ali, Leonard and Mancini.

Muhammad Ali played the "bad guy" from time to time, but he was always a lovable villain, a harmless loudmouth who you could tell was an okay guy deep down inside.



Moore was great, but he somehow could never let anyone else share the music that was going on in his head. Marvin Hagler is great, but he keeps everyone at a distance by deliberately looking scary. You can respect guys like that, but ain't no way you can love them.

But in every case, these guys wanted to be loved and were willing to work for it. It's guys like Harry Holmes, who seem to think that being liked is a fringe benefit of being a good fighter, who fall on their faces in the public relations department.

Dempsey, Louis and Graziano were

According to* The Ring*'s Joseph D'O'Brian, Marvin Hagler (pictured here on the attack against Roberto Duran) is a great fighter, but keeps everyone at a distance by deliberately looking scary.

lucky, in a sense. They were naturally fine people with pleasant personalities, and eventually the public had no choice but to love them. But it took a little time for each of them to get the adulation he deserved. The key to instant adoration, I think, is to have a gimmick. You just have to make sure it's the right gimmick.

Ray Leonard's gimmick was ideal for the late 1970s. It was to come across less as a boxer than as a very, very successful young businessman. When he stepped into the ring, you had the feeling that he'd just stepped out of a board meeting, changed out of his ultra-correct navy blue suit, and was now going into the ring for a good hard businessman's workout. Since most of us were out of work at the time, and the rest of us were apprentice yuppies, this image was exactly what we wanted to see. It gave us a role model.

Ray Mancini's gimmick caught the spirit of the 1980s. He came along at a time when everybody was getting back to what some are pleased to call "traditional American values:" Mom, the flag, the Protestant work ethic, fanatical devotion to *schmaltz*. Not only was Mancini a true working-class hero—sort of a nicey-nice Bruce Springsteen in boxing trunks—but he had his father sitting at ringside every time he fought, with the TV commentator reciting the whole heart-warming story to us over and over again. How could it have missed?

Sometimes, to be sure, gimmicks backfire. When Dwight Muhammad Qawi (Braxton) started making news a few years ago, his gimmick was to play the goon, to come across as a Listonesque bruiser with a heart as hard as his fist and the personality of a professional leg-breaker. It didn't work. Nobody doubted that he was a good fighter, but who wants to root for a guy who acts so mean all the time?

Lately, Qawi seems to have wised up. He's being himself more in interviews: polite, well-spoken and intelligent, never too disrespectful of his opponent. It may be too late for him to catch on as a true Hero, but if he can land another match with Michael Spinks (as a heavyweight this time), he just may have some possibilities.

Lots of fighters try to put on a villainous facade, thinking that they'll get to be "the guy you love to hate," like Clubber Lang. That almost never works. True, Roberto Duran developed a cult following among many Hispanics, but while he was cheered for, he was never loved. Ali played the bad guy from time to time, but he was always a lovable villain, a harmless loudmouth who you could tell was an okay guy deep down. (You see a lot of very successful politicians who act like that, notably Ed Koch and Barry Goldwater.)

Other times, boxers have no real choice about the image they want to present. Instead, their images are forced on them by the public, and, willy-nilly, they are forced to live up to those images.

Take Leon Spinks. True, Leon has always been a pretty naive fellow, undereducated and poorly equipped to present himself well. But that doesn't mean he's a fool.

The media, when they saw his toothless grin and heard his almost indecipherable speech, pegged him for an idiot and presented him as such. He was, according to a majority of the media, completely lacking in both brains and common sense. He was a hopeless primitive who was there simply to be laughed at.

Generally, if someone keeps telling you that you're stupid, or ugly, or nasty, you're going to be talked into acting stupid, ugly or nasty, even if you weren't that way to begin with. So when the press decided that Leon Spinks was a fool, it wasn't long before he began acting like one, and it took him quite a while before he figured out that he didn't have to listen to them, that he could show as much dignity as he wanted to. He showed a lot of it during and after his recent fight with Qawi, and I just wonder how many of us noticed it.

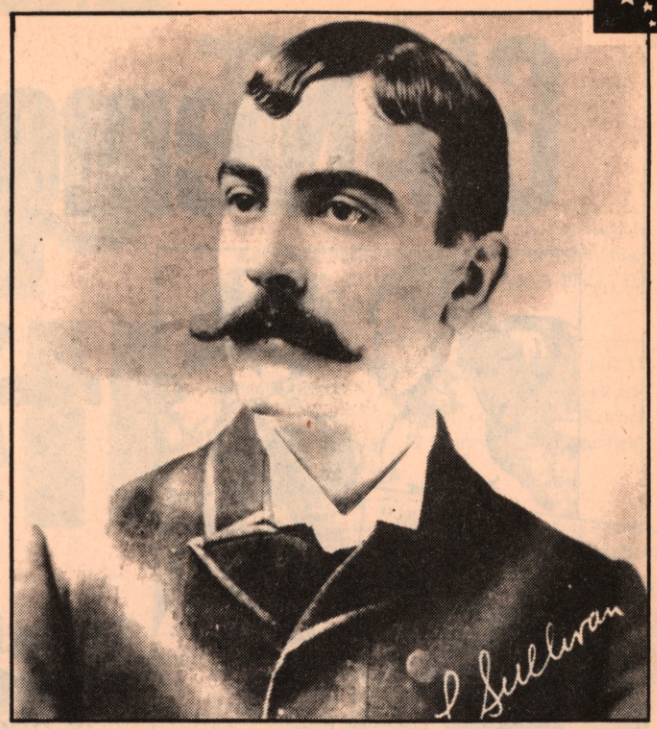
Anyway, back to the original questions: What makes a Hero, and what is the next Hero going to be like? The first question is the easiest really. The best one can do is to boil it down to this: The Hero has what everyone else would like to have.

Whether it's Dempsey's modesty and kind heart, Leonard's Midas touch or Ali's self-confidence, every Hero has something that makes everyone wish they were he.

As for the second question, here's what I think: I think we're headed for another few years of disaffection and surprising social progress, a healthy backlash from the Reagan years. The next Hero will be politically activistic (probably left-wing), intellectual, and able to convince the public that boxing is more than just two guys hitting each other. He will not be good-looking, or muscle-bound, and will be highly resentful of any attempts to turn his life into a TV movie.

Yeah. And the AMA will apologize for their recent pronouncements, the Alphabet Boys will disband, and Ali will regain the heavyweight title.

Meanwhile, we're just sitting and waiting. □



John L. Sullivan was a drunk and a womanizer, but that didn't stop him from being the most popular athlete of his era.

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For Robbie Sims, Being Marvin Hagler's Brother Has Been A Mixed Blessing

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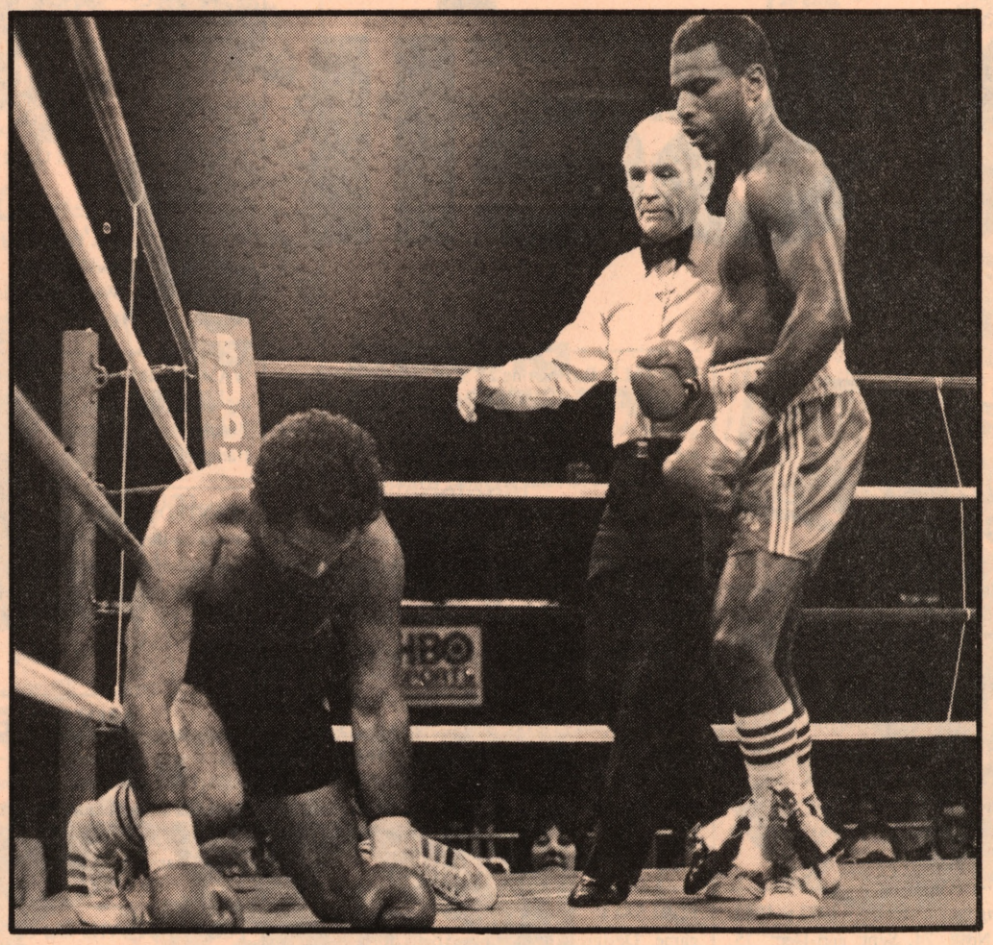

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FOLLOWING HIS NATIONALLY TELEvised first-round knockout of heralded John Collins, Robbie Sims, some would argue, has placed himself in a very awkward position. His career has soared to such dizzying heights that he is just a notch or two below undisputed middleweight champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler. In fact, promoter Bob Arum recently stated that anyone who wants to fight Hagler has to go through Sims first.

"They call me the policeman," says Sims, the newly crowned USBA champion, who is also Marvin's brother. "They come to me, and if they get by me, they get their shot at Marvin and the title."

You can call him the policeman, the gatekeeper, or the King's guard. He is on the threshold of a world title, but he cannot cross over the line to reap the glory. A fight with Marvin—who took their mother's name (Hagler), while Robbie took his father's name (Sims)—is clearly out of the question. A drop down to the junior middleweight division is likewise unrealistic, because Sims can't make the weight. He is left with the thankless task of crunching the aspirations of others.

Sims is quick to point out that the situation is not as bleak as it may seem.

"Marvin is thinking about retiring after a few more fights, and I'm moving up in the ranks. I'll be right there in a position to enter the box-offs. I'm sure I can get one of the titles (WBA, WBC, or IBF). At age 25, I still have a lot of time left."

Sim's current look-but-don't-touch predicament is peculiar in sporting annals. Although there have been many brothers who competed against each other in professional athletics, the savage one-on-one nature of boxing is unique in sports. Whereas it is one thing to tackle a brother, check him, or pitch a baseball to him, it is decidedly another to fatten his lips, blacken his eyes, or knock him to the floor. The fraternal bond was not meant to withstand such assault.

Boxing, it should be noted, has many fighting brothers such as the Spinks, Fraziers and Currys. However, in most of these cases the brothers compete in different weight divisions. It has been extremely rare in boxing history for two brothers to

Above:
Robbie Sims stands over Mario Tineo as referee Joey Curtis moves in to apply the count. Sims overhelmed Tineo for a fourth round kayo on the Curry-McCrory card in Las Vegas.

simultaneously reach the upper echelons of the same division. An exception was the Baer brothers, Max and Buddy, who rose to heavyweight prominence some fifty years ago.

Sims has a verbal agreement to meet Roberto Duran, and Robbie would like nothing better than to derail the comeback of the pudgy Panamanian, who reportedly ballooned over 200 pounds during his aborted retirement.

Call him the railroad switchman if you please. Sims, who sports a 25-4-1 (18 kayoes) pro record, has not always had reason to be so confident about his future. He lost his first crossroads fight a few years back against a young locomotive named Bobby Czyz in Atlantic City. In short order, he lost three more close decisions in that same city—two to Mike Tinley, and one to Clint Jackson. Cynics sneered and called it the "Atlantic City Jinx." At that point, Robbie's prospects were dimming. But he gradually fought his way back.

Last summer he faced Doug DeWitt in a fight DeWitt hoped would be a stepping stone to a title shot. The highly touted DeWitt was in for a cruel awakening. Sims continually beat him to the punch and battered Doug around the ring to capture an upset decision. It was a dominant performance against a world contender. For the first time in his career, Robbie was beginning to look like a serious contender for the world title.

"In the DeWitt fight, I just exploded and let everything hang loose. I ignored the judges, the referee, and the crowd. I just concentrated on what I had to do to win," remembers Sims. "It used to be, the tougher the opponent, the harder I'd train. But you shouldn't do that. Now I train the same way for every fight and I'm prepared for a tough fight every time out."

Although Sims entered his most recent fight with Chicago's knockout artist John Collins brimming with confidence, the carnage that ensued surprised even Robbie. Before a startled television audience, Sims pummeled Collins into hapless submission in less than one round. After three knockdowns, Collins was defenseless, his body quavering like a mass of jelly.

"In my own mind, I thought I could take him out in about five rounds. I was shocked at what happened," confessed Sims.

Now that he is once again a rising star on the boxing horizon, Sims is finally stepping out of Marvin's lengthy shadow and commanding respect in his own right. For instance, the nickname "Rockin' Robbie"—which heretofore had been exclusively linked to lightweight "Rockin' Robin" Blake—is becoming widely recognized as his own.

Even as he emerges as his own man, Robbie still benefits from his close relationship with Marvin.

"I can see what is going on. I can see what you have to do to be a world champion . . . the total dedication, the training, how to carry yourself," says Robbie.

Then there are those not so brotherly gym sessions.

"When I spar with Marvin and make a mistake, I pay for it. It's helpful. If my hands are down, I get popped. It's like going to school."

No one knows for sure what the future holds for Robbie Sims. But if the dreams of youth are any indication, his prospects are bright indeed.

"Marvin is thinking about retiring after a few more fights, and I'm moving up in the ranks. I'll be in a position to enter the box offs."
— Robbie Sims

"When Marvin and I were young, we used to talk about things like what is happening now. He's done everything he said he would. I never really thought it would happen. But now that it's happening, I bring it to his attention. I say, 'Remember when we used to talk about all this. You used to tell me that you'd be world champion and that when you retired, I'd take your place?' Everything is turning out just the way we planned."

So far. □

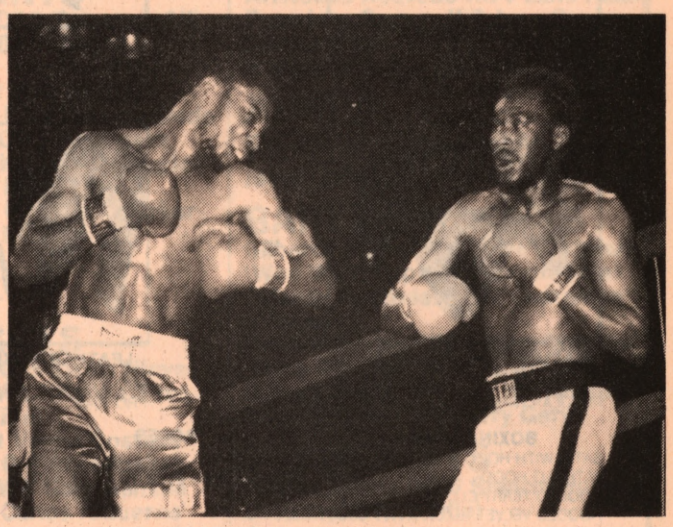
THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF ROBBIE SIMS

Brockton, Mass. Middleweight
Born: November 5, 1959
Managed and Trained by: Pat & Goody Petronelli

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1980		
May 17	Troy Vaughn	Las Vegas	KO 3
Aug. 18	Dave Dean	Boston	KO 1
Oct. 2	Danny Heath	Boston	KO 1
Nov. 25	Robert Thomas	Boston	KO 4
	1981		
Jan. 17	Bill Harington	Boston	KO 2
Feb. 12	Len Villers	Boston	KO 5
Mar. 6	Jamal Arbubakrr	Worcester	W 8
Apr. 12	James Green	Atlantic City	W 8
Jun. 13	Don DiMarzo	Boston	KO 2
Aug. 6	Jesus Castro	Atlantic City	KO 2
Sept. 16	Odell Leonard	Boston	KO 6
Dec. 23	Johnny Heard	Providence	W 10
	1982		
Jan. 17	Bobby Czyz	Atlantic City	L 10
Apr. 30	Fred Reed	Cape Cod	KO 5
Jul. 10	Jose Green	Rhode Island	KO 4
Aug. 20	Bruce Thompson	Plymouth	KO 1
Oct. 16	Clint Jackson	Atlantic City	L 10
	1983		
Feb. 4	Murray Sutherland	Worcester	D 10
Mar. 23	Tony Chiaverini	Worcester	KO 5
Aug. 3	Mike Tinley	Atlantic City	L 10
Sept. 1	Teddy Mann	Atlantic City	W 10
	1984		
Jan. 6	Iran Barkley	Atlantic City	KO 6
Mar. 29	Curtis Ramsey	Las Vegas	W 10
May 10	Danny Long	Brockton	W 12
Jul. 26	Mike Baker	Miami Beach	KO 5
Nov. 1	Mike Tinley	Atlantic City	L 10
	1985		
May 30	Stacy McSwain	Portland	KO 4
Aug. 30	Doug DeWitt	Atlantic City	W 10
Dec. 6	Mario Tineo	Las Vegas	KO 4
	1986		
Mar. 9	John Collins (Won USBA Middleweight Title)	Las Vegas	KO 1

SUMMARY

TOTAL BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
30	25	4	1	18



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Sims (left) looks all business as he tears into Fred Reed on his way to a fifth-round knockout in Cape Cod.

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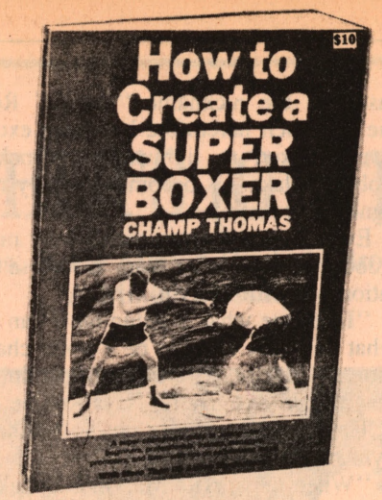

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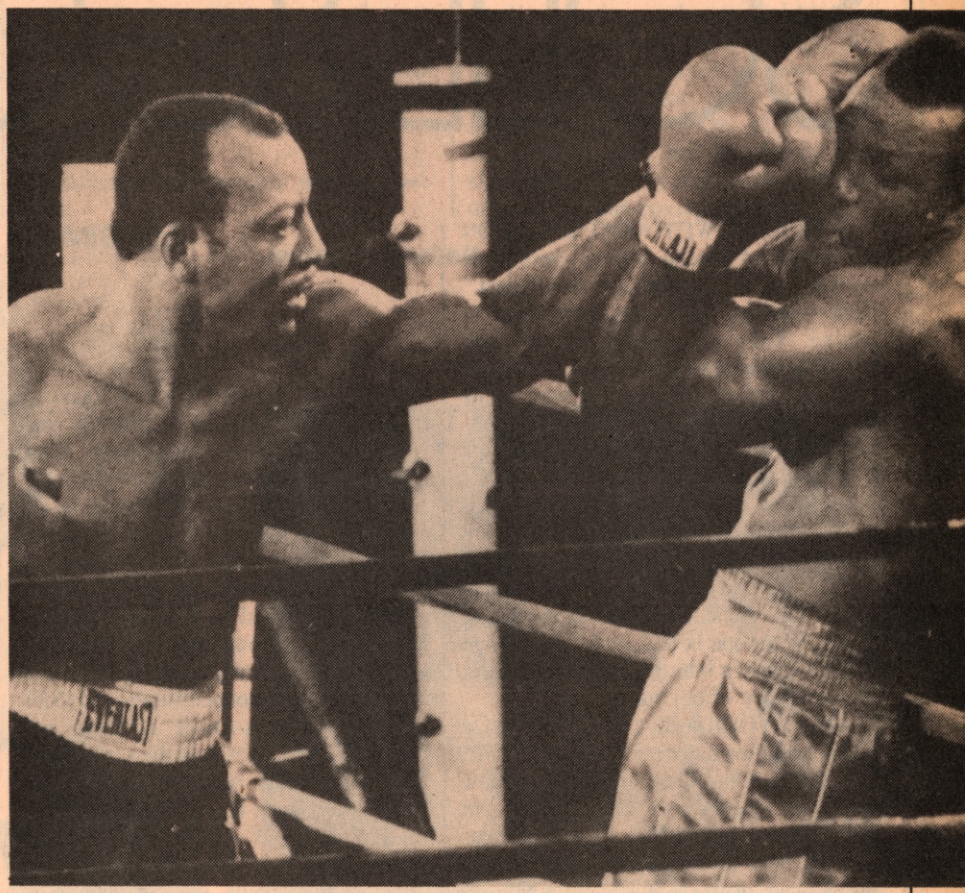

James (Bonecrusher) Smith has Mike Weaver covering up on the ropes during their heavyweight shootout in Latham, New York. It was all over in 2:39 of the first round as Smith recorded one of the biggest wins of his career.

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Darryl Martin KO3 Murray Frazier
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SOLID GOLD MAN

THE TROUBLE WITH MOST BOOKS ON the history of boxing is they concentrate on the "great" fighters and the "great" fights—not on what was *happening* in boxing. They tell nothing of the legal background of the sport, how the various legal restrictions affected the way fights were fought. There has yet to be a comprehensive historical listing of when fights were legalized in each state in the U.S., how many rounds were permitted at various times, when official decisions were permitted, et. al.

What follows is a very brief outline survey of the legal status of boxing in various states. The hope is that it will encourage further research into this neglected aspect of the history of boxing.

NEW YORK—Bare knuckle prize fights and gloved boxing were not permitted until 1896, when the Horton Law legalized Queensberry contests without limit as to rounds. The rigged Corbett-McCoy bout of August 30, 1900 led to the passage of the Lewis Law, which repealed the Horton and made fights illegal. From 1900 to 1903, there was no legal boxing in New York. The period from 1903 to 1906 saw three-round "exhibitions," and six-round contests were permitted from 1906 to 1909. Ten-round bouts were allowed beginning in 1909, and the Frawley Law completely legalized 10-round "no decision" bouts from 1911 to November 15, 1917. "Club membership" bouts were allowed until February 5, 1918, when The People of the State of New York vs. Packey O'Gatty ruled out "private" boxing. The Walker Law of 1920 legalized boxing with decisions and a maximum of 15 rounds per bout.

CALIFORNIA—The home of many big-time fights from the Corbett-Jackson bout of 1891 through 1914, when boxing was technically outlawed. Four-round "amateur" bouts were allowed, although the fighters were paid and many well known professionals took part, from then until the end of 1924. A new bill, passed by referendum, took effect on January 1, 1925. A maximum of 10 rounds, with a decision, or 12 rounds, with no decision, was allowed. January 11, 1943 saw the first 15-round bout in California since 1914, Jack Chase outpointing Eddie Booker for the state middleweight title.

PENNSYLVANIA—Six-round no-decision bouts allowed beginning in the 1890s. Ten rounds not allowed in Pittsburgh until 1917. Eight rounds the maximum allowed in Pennsylvania until 1923, when 10-round bouts to a decision were allowed throughout the state. Fifteen-round bouts not permitted until 1933.

ILLINOIS—Six-round contests with decisions were the rule in the early 1900s. Ten-round bouts permitted after World War I, 15 rounds beginning in 1933.

NEW JERSEY—Eight and 12-round no-decision bouts were legalized in 1918. Fifteen-round bouts with decisions allowed in 1929.

MASSACHUSETTS—One of the few eastern states permitting decisions in the 1910s—12 rounds allowed. Fifteen rounds allowed in the late '20s.

NEVADA—The "last free state in the union" allowed 45 rounds—"or longer, if necessary"—when boxing was outlawed or severely restricted by most other states.

WASHINGTON—Six rounds the maximum allowed until the late 1920s. Tod Morgan was this state's most well known fighter until after World War II.

LOUISIANA—Fifteen-round contests with decisions since the early 1900s. Corbett-Sullivan finish fight (Queensberry rules) held at the Olympic Club in New Orleans, September 7, 1892.

WISCONSIN—Six-round bouts with decisions allowed in the early 1900s gave way to 10-round no-decision bouts in 1910. Decisions were allowed again in the late '20s.

MINNESOTA—Bouts of six, 10 or 15 rounds duration, with decisions, allowed until 1911, when fights were restricted to

Tom Gibbons

10 rounds with no decisions. The Gibbons brothers, Billy Miske, and Mike O'Dowd were among Minnesota's many standouts in the 1910s and '20s. One of the last states to legalize decisions—in the mid-1930s.

OHIO—A crazy quilt, since there was no state commission until 1982. The sport was controlled by various local municipalities, with considerable variance

as to number of rounds permitted until the 1930s. Columbus allowed 10-round no-decision contests in the early '20s; Cincinnati and Youngstown allowed 12-round bouts with decisions. Akron, Canton, and Toledo varied from time to time, allowing 20 rounds with no decision, 15 rounds with a verdict, etc.

TENNESSEE—Eight-round bouts until the latter '20s.

MARYLAND—Fifteen rounds to a decision since the '90s.

TEXAS—Controlled by local ordinances, but little action after 1901 until the '30s. Jack Johnson had a bunch of fights in Galveston and Houston until forced to leave in '01 after his fight with Choynski.

Additional information will be welcome.

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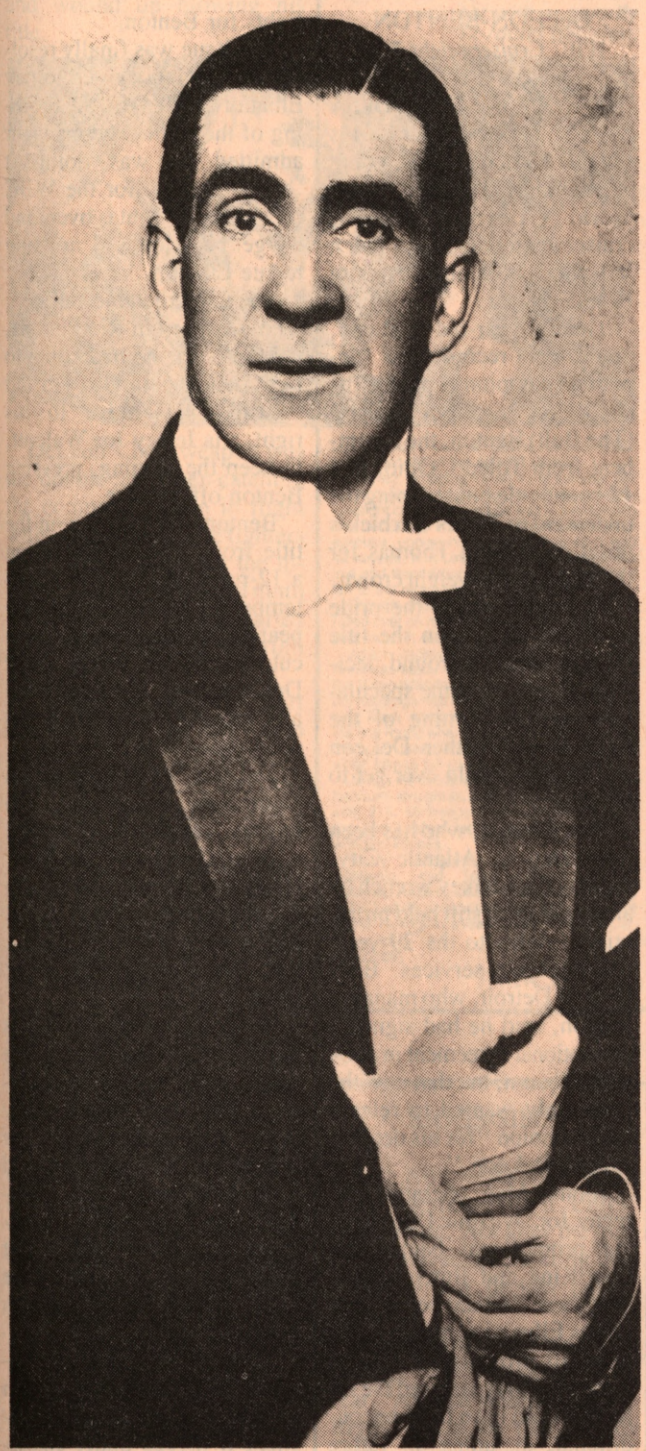

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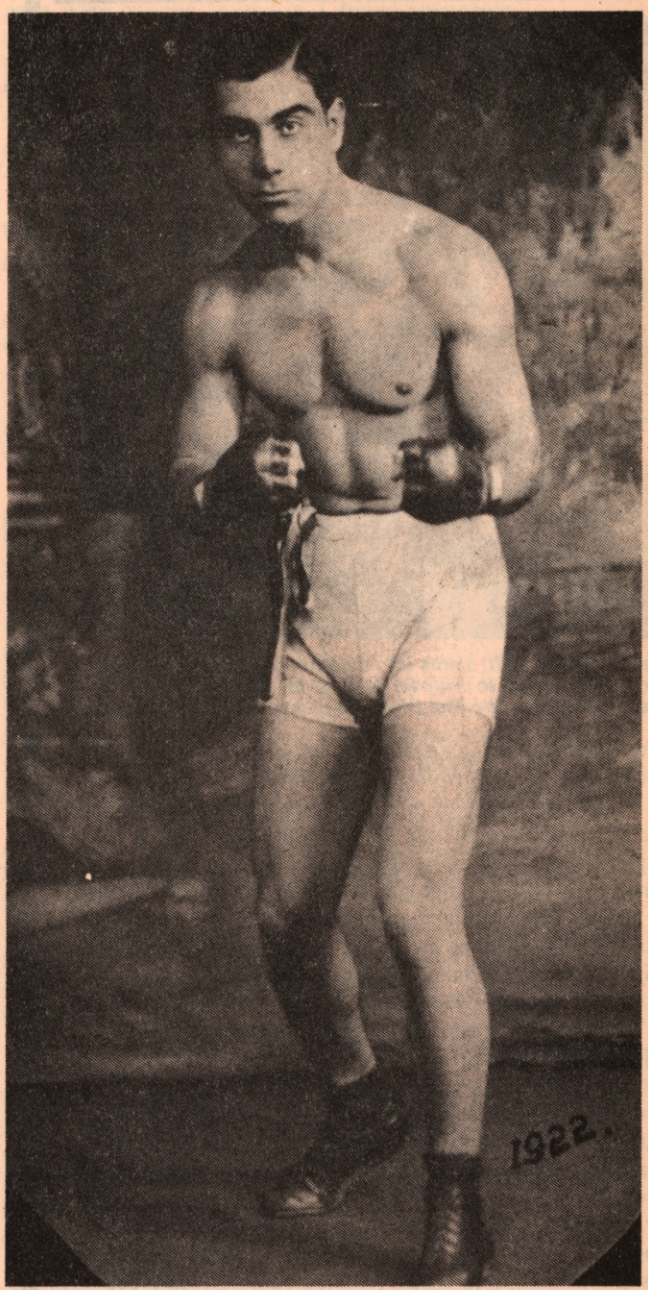

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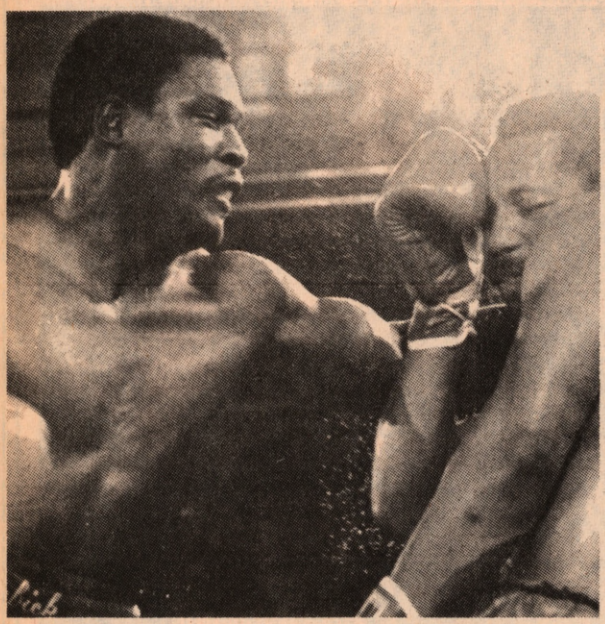

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Trevor Berbick (left) slams into defending champion Pinklon Thomas on his way to an upset decision for the WBC heavyweight title. Trevor also won* The Ring's *Fighter of the Month award.

Although it doesn't quite rank up there with Michael Spinks' upset win over Larry Holmes, **Trevor Berbick's** unanimous 12-round decision over highly favored Pinklon Thomas for the WBC heavyweight title was a real shocker. The always unpredictable Berbick figured to be a routine defense for Pinklon, who many thought would be the ultimate winner in HBO's heavyweight series. But Trevor whipped himself into the best shape of his career and outlasted Thomas in a bristling encounter. For his outstanding effort, Berbick also wins *The Ring*'s Fighter of the Month honors.

This month's runner-up spot goes to unheralded Mexican **Gilberto Roman** for his upset victory over Jiro Watanabe for the WBC junior bantamweight crown in Osaka, Japan. Watanabe is the most popular and highly regarded ringman in the Orient. His defeat via a unanimous 12-round decision came as a total surprise to practically everyone except Roman and his followers.

A trio of honorable mentions go to **Frank Bruno** for his one round blastout of Gerrie Coetzee; **Frankie Warren** for his split decision over Sammy Fuentes; and to **Bonecrusher Smith** for his first round demolition of Mike Weaver. □

DeLEON-BENTON
WBC Cruiserweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—FOR A while, it appeared that Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon wasn't going to get a chance to fight for the World Boxing Council cruiserweight crown, much less win it back at the Riviera Hotel-Casino.

The 27-year-old DeLeon, going for a record third 195-pound championship, was the challenger against Bernard (The Bull) Benton, the incumbent from Toledo, Ohio, in a 12-round title bout topping the undercard to Trevor Berbick's upset of Pinklon Thomas for the WBC heavyweight crown.

However, before the pride of Puerto Rico won the title on a majority 12-round decision, there was some speculation on the morning of the fight as to whether DeLeon and Benton would ever get to the ring.

Don Elbaum, who has been promoting in Atlantic City, produced a monkey wrench by announcing he still held promotional rights to the 29-year-old Benton's services. Billy Gutz of Detroit, who manages Benton, said he had signed a promotional agreement in 1984 with Elbaum, but that now the latter only wanted to release the champion "for his defense against DeLeon."

Johnny Mag, operations director for Dynamic Duo, Inc., the promotional banner for Don King and Butch Lewis, said there "would be no fight unless Elbaum agrees to relinquish all promotional ties to Benton." Mag stressed the release would have to be unconditional, including all future fights for Benton.

The issue was finally resolved when Gutz agreed to pay Elbaum $10,000 on the morning of the fight. The manager admitted he was doing it "under duress, for the WBC . . . once the fight is over, and we get back home, I'm going to sue Elbaum."

The unpredictable DeLeon, who was born in Rio Piedras, made it clear he had come to fight, using a stinging jab and a walk-away move to his right, a la Jersey Joe Walcott, to keep the lunging, pressing Benton off balance.

Benton, 185, who won the title from Alfonzo Ratliff on a 12-round decision last September 21 at the Riviera, appeared frustrated in trying to cut the ring off on the faster DeLeon, also 185, and actually ran out of his corner to open round five.

DeLeon, who improved his credentials to 40-2-1, 26 kayoes, caught the champion with a left-right to the head. However, Benton scored with a combination to the head and dug a right-left to DeLeon's ribs. The rivals traded heavy shots at the bell.

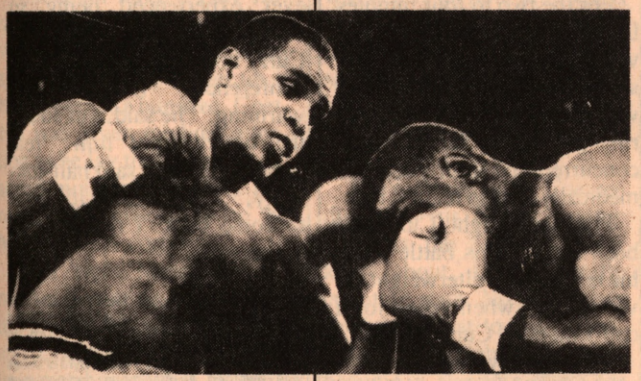
Benton's favorite ploy was to muscle DeLeon into the ropes, lay a head on his shoulder, and then whack away with arm punches to the stomach. DeLeon countered with short hooks and uppercuts, but "The Bull's" determination enabled him to get back in the fight, winning the fifth, sixth, and seventh rounds.

Despite his imposing record, DeLeon has been known to lose interest in an assignment if placed under consis-

tent pressure. That was definitely the story last June 6 when Carlos was defending against Ratliff, and apparently on his way to an easy victory when he picked up an eye cut in the seventh round.

DeLeon seemed more interested in wiping the blood out of his eye than punching, and wound up blowing his title.

Carlos DeLeon (left) connects with a left uppercut to the head of Bernard Benton during their WBC cruiserweight title match in Las Vegas. DeLeon won the crown for the third time in his career with a majority 12-round decision.



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DeLeon's best weapon was the double jab, often catching the compact Benton in flight with his punches. The fighters took turns dominating the infighting in the eighth and ninth rounds, before DeLeon started his winning move in the 10th round.

DeLeon appeared to hurt Benton twice in the 11th round, first with a triple combination to the head, and then with a six-punch salvo with a minute left.

The Latin boxer-puncher was back sticking and moving in the final round, but Benton tried to smother his offense by clinching. The Ohioan did manage to pin DeLeon on the ropes in the final 60 seconds, but the soon-to-be champion stunned Benton with a combination just before the bell.

In the official voting, Bill Graham of Las Vegas gave it to DeLeon, 115-113, and Mexico's Ray Solis liked the same fighter, 117-114. Judge Jo Jo Gera of Mexico called it a draw at 114-114. *The Ring* scorecard was 116-113, DeLeon.

In an over-the-weight 10-round non-title bout, Julio Cesar Chavez, 136½, Culiacan, Mexico, hardly broke a sweat in knocking out Los Angeles' Roberto "Collins" Lindo, 135¾, in 31 seconds of the second round.

Chavez, prepping for an early summer defense of his World Boxing Council super featherweight crown, sensed he was in a mismatch and decided to end it early. The Mexican powerhouse, upping his credentials to 46-0 with 42 kayoes, hurt Lindo with a long right to the jaw and then dropped him face down with a left to the head and a right uppercut.

Though unable to rise, Lindo, now 28-9-2, rolled over on his back as referee Davey Pearl counted him out.

Julian Jackson, 153½, the Continental Americas super welterweight champion from the Virgin Islands, was down for a 10-rounder, but hardly gained the proper exercise by stopping Mark Allman, 153, Memphis, Tenn., in the first round when referee Joey Curtis halted the bout. Jackson is now 27-0, 25 knockouts, while Allman fell to 14-8, with six kayoes.

James Pritchard, 211½, Louisville, Ky., won his fourth straight as a pro, stopping Allan Hudson, 215, Minneapolis at 1:03 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Hudson is now 4-3 with two kayoes.

Henry Rodriguez, 124½, Sacramento, California, had Tony Cisneros, 124½, Phoenix, Arizona, down twice before scoring a TKO at 46 seconds of the fourth and final round. Rodriguez's reading moved to 7-1; Cisneros fell to 13-9.
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BIGGS-SIMS

RENO, NEV.—NOBODY WILL ever question Tyrell Biggs' heart again. Not after the guts he displayed outpointing Jeff Sims with a broken collarbone.

Mark Twain once said that courage was the mastery of fear, not the absence of it. Biggs would be the first to agree. In the second round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the Lawlor Events Center, the hard-punching Sims fractured the Philadelphian's right collarbone with a powerful right. At first, Tyrell thought his unbeaten streak was over.

"Initially, I was kind of discouraged," Biggs said. "But I just panicked for a minute. It didn't hurt as much as the time I broke my ribs against Teofilo Stevenson, but it was a crazy feeling . . . like some parts were moving around in there. I don't think I would have quit. I'm a pro now and I made a vow a while ago not to give anything up. Plus, Lou (Duva) and George (Benton) wouldn't let me quit."

Benton, however, remembers things slightly differently.

"He came back (to the corner) and said he wanted to quit. He kept complaining about the shoulder and saying he couldn't go on. But I told him, 'You can beat this guy with one hand. Get going.'"

Regardless of what transpired during the one-minute rest period between rounds two and three, the important thing is that Biggs mastered his fear and carried on to win the fight by scores of 97-93 (judges Lillian Wolf and Keith MacDonald) and 99-92 (judge John McSweeney). *The Ring* saw it slightly closer, giving Biggs a 96-94 edge.

The victory was a tribute not only to Biggs' courage, but also his boxing skills. He used his legs to carry him away from most, though certainly not all, of Sims' power-laden punches, while working his left hand overtime.

Sims, whose record fell to 23-4-1, 21 kayoes, was also partially responsible for Biggs' survival. For some inexplicable reason, he never hit Biggs in the shoulder again. Perhaps he did not realize how much damage he had done.

"He was not aiming for my shoulder. He was going for my ribs. And that was fine with me," said a relieved Biggs.

Nevertheless, Sims, 218, did land enough punches to practically close Tyrell's left eye. It was a grueling, suspenseful contest right up until the final bell.

The injury will keep Biggs on the sidelines for a couple of months. But it was almost worth it. Nobody ever knows for sure how they will react to a crisis until it happens. Biggs now knows—and so do all his future opponents.

Former WBA junior heavyweight champion Ossie Ocasio, Puerto Rico, won a 10-round decision over Sixto Maldonado, Philadelphia.

Nicky Walker, Carson City, kayoed James Williams, Portland, Ore., in the fourth round of a junior middleweight bout scheduled for 10.

Terry Davis, Vallejo, Calif., won his pro debut with a first round kayo over Reno's Rory Killeen in a scheduled four.

Main Events/Monitor Productions.

Attendance—1,305.
(03-23-86)

CURRY-RODRIGUEZ
WBA Welterweight Title

FORT WORTH, TEXAS—Donald Curry, king of the welterweights, sat in his dressing room about to defend his world crown against the WBA's number one contender, Eduardo Rodriguez.

Little did Curry know that when he and his entourage entered the arena at the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum and pased through the human archway of waving gold pompoms, history would soon repeat itself—only this time the opponent would be shorter.

As it was December 6, 1985 with former WBC champion Milton McCrory, so it was March 9, 1986 with WBA contender Eduardo Rodriguez—left hook, right cross, out.

Both the "Ice Man" and "Chita Ruiz" experienced the "Lone Star Cobra's" fatal combination in the second round. And the result was the same in each case: knockout. This time, Rodriguez hung on until 2:38; McCrory slipped

away at 1:53.

Though the results were the same, the beginnings were quite different.

Early in the opening round, it looked as if Rodriguez might have been on his way to strapping on a new belt. He, unlike McCrory, was the more aggressive when the contest began. Rodriguez was the first man to throw a punch. But Curry was the first—and last—to connect.

Rodriguez pressed Curry for most of the first round, which accounted for the champion slipping and falling to the canvas twice. But the thing that's made Curry the undisputed champion finally came across.

Through Rodriguez's translator, Rafael Mendoza, Rodriguez said Curry "woke him up in the first [round] with a left hook." It was a similar blow that helped put him asleep in round two. The left-handed Rodriguez also said his best punch was thrown in the first: a hard right jab.

It was apparent from the opening bell that Curry would fight the same way that carried him to a now 25-0 (20 kayoes) records. Economy: making the most happen with the least movement. Textbook boxing.

But early in the opening round, it was also apparent that something unusual was happening with the champ. His timing was out of sync.

The reason was evident before the starting signal rang. When Curry disrobed from his fire-red, short-cut robe, he was dry. No sweaty sign of pre-fight warm-ups. But by the beginning of the fatal round, Curry was beginning to look like Curry.

Few North Americans knew what to expect from Rodriguez. This fight would only be his third in the U.S. The others were in Houston and Miami. Rodriguez, a native of San Miguelito, a suburb of Panama City, mostly fights in Panama. His record now stands at 20-2 (13 kayoes).

Rodriguez's forte was his defense. His continual aerobic style made it troublesome to connect leather with flesh.

"He was fast, but not as fast as I thought he'd be," said Curry. "Good movement. He had good defense. Not a blocking defense, but an upper-body movement . . . he was very difficult to hit."

Curry remembered that after they exchanged a few blows, "I knew he couldn't hit me. I took it to him." And take it he did.

Rodriguez was the first one off his stool as the bell sounded for round two. But this time, Curry was the pressing one in the 18-foot ring. The warm-up round showed its effect.

Rodriguez continued gyrating but Curry locked into his opponent's timing, picking his shots and slowing him down. As Rodriguez sidestepped to his left, Curry's left hook followed. Rodriguez staggered and Curry fired in the right. He dropped in a neutral corner and referee Hubert Earle called for the end.

For several minutes, Rodriguez laid on the canvas while the ring physicians attended to him. Finally he got up, shook a round of hands and exited the ring.

Then the surprise came.

Again through his translator, Rodriguez declared at the post-fight press conference that he had not been knocked out. "The main reason he lost the fight against Curry was because he has a problem with his leg," said Mendoza for Rodriguez. "He went down and couldn't get up because of the muscle cramp in his left leg."

Rodriguez explained he had some problem with his leg during training. In the fight, the "pain" began to occur at the end of round one. He said by the end of round two his ankle gave way and down he went. But he was never knocked out.

"He was knocked out," said ring physician William Gardner, who attended to him in the ring and gave him his last physical exam the morning of the fight.

For the two to four minutes Dr. Gardner said Rodriguez was out: "He could not respond to what color trunks he was wearing." The second ring physician, James Marr, concurred that Rodriguez was medically, and in reality, out.

Prior to the fight, Curry had been touting this battle to be his last in the welterweight division. But when asked for a confirmation, Curry hedged.

"Everybody said I had trouble making the weight for this fight, but I didn't. I want to fight for the junior middleweight title. I'm not through with the welterweight division," said Curry. "I'm going to evaluate, see what I do as a junior middleweight and take it from there."

Before the fight began, Curry was visibly shaken. His anxiety, strangely enough, was not over someone who might take one of his three belts away. Hardly. It was caused by the 8,864 people who attended, of which 8,603 paid an estimated $251,000 to attend—Curry's first sellout crowd in his backyard.

Four times prior to this match, Curry had fought as a pro in his hometown. (As an amateur, his 400-5 record was mostly accomplished in the Fort Worth area.) He won the WBA and IBF titles in Cowtown. Yet few of the fair citizens ever ventured beyond their TV sets to watch their native son, let alone come out for SRO.

But this time, the situation was overwhelmingly in reverse. Business people, community leaders and plan ol' folks couldn't do enough for him. Curry's boyish face was all over town. Even the mayor shoed up at this year's Don Curry Day celebration.

The town "Where the West Begins" seemed to transform into the town "Where Don Curry Began." The switch brought mixed reviews from the formerly neglected champ.

"It was the first time I've ever experienced being so nervous going into a fight," Curry commented at the press conference. "It was heart warming," he said, but added the novelty got him "real tight." He even said half-jokingly, "I don't know if I want to come back. I mean I was so nervous."

Fort Worth's Vincent Releford, 139, remained undefeated in 10 fights when he TKO'd game Paul Barton, 139½, Portland, Ore., at 1:37 of the seventh.

After four hard rounds, Robert Byrd of Dallas was awarded a unanimous decision over Alonzo Garcia of Corpus Christi.

Gilbert Contreras, 117¾, Fort Worth, had few problems pounding out a TKO over Lee Cargle, 119, of Tulsa, Okla. The bout was halted at 1:19 the second.

Another Fort Worth fighter, Gilbert Vera, 216, kept his record unblemished, now 5-0, when he stopped Tim Adams, 206, of Mandeville, La., at 1:51 in the first.

Referees—Dick Cole, Spider Bynum, Hubert Earle.

Judges—Fernando Viso, Venezuela; Antonio Requena, Venezuela; Oscar Oppen, Argentina; Ronnie Walters, United States. (03-09-86)

WAYNE M. ANDERSON

BRUNO-COETZEE

WEMBLEY, ENGLAND—Frank Bruno, the European champion, qualified to meet the winner of the Witherspoon-Tubbs rematch for the WBA heavyweight title by knocking out South African Gerry Coetzee in 110 seconds of the opening round in their final eliminator, scheduled for 12.

In the first minute of the fight, Bruno, 227, crossed a right hand to his opponent's face, and down went Coetzee, 233, with a thud. He was up at three, took a standing count of eight, and bled from a cut on the left cheek.

The South African looked dazed. Bruno could sense a quick victory, and went after his man. Punches rained in from both hands, culminating in another right that sent Coetzee across the ring to finish laying across the bottom rope, half of his body on the canvas and the other half on the ring apron.

Canadian referee Guy Jutras started a count, but quickly stopped as he could see Coetzee wasn't going to get up if he counted to a hundred. Coetzee was given medical attention as he lay there, and it was some minutes before he had recovered sufficiently to be helped to his corner.

That right hand was the most devastating punch seen in a British ring for some time, and Coetzee said afterwards he never knew what hit him. The South African, a former WBA champion, was not only expected to provide Bruno with his hardest test to date, but there were those who thought Coetzee would win.

Some critics are always ready to remind everyone of Frank's knockout defeat by James (Bonecrusher) Smith, but that occurred in the final round with Bruno ahead on points. Call it one out of the blue, call it lack of concentration, call it what you like; it has happened to many boxers before, and will again.

Suffice it to say that Frank learned a lot from that defeat. In fact, in hindsight, it wasn't a bad thing to have happened, as it made him all the more determined to succeed. That he has done by sheer hard work, a dedication that only he and manager Lawless know about.

Afterwards, Frank said he was so happy, not only because of beating Coetzee so quickly, but in being able to prove himself to his fans. He paid tribute to the wonderful support he had received throughout his career, especially this night.

"I know that I will win the world title," said Frank. If it takes a year, or even two, that doesn't matter. At 24, I'm just a spring chicken. And I can punch harder than I did against Coetzee."

Coetzee refused to go to the hospital for a checkup, but it was nearly an hour afterwards before he would, or could, talk. Trainer Jackie McCoy said "He didn't know what hit him. That punch would have knocked out any heavyweight in the world."

The following day, Coetzee discussed his future, saying: "It was the punch I never knew about. I was literally counting stars. No fighter has ever done that to me before. If I carry on fighting, I could become a stepping-stone for young up-and-coming heavyweights. I don't want that. It's been great. I'm just sorry it had to end like this. Now I just want to bow out gracefully."

Bruno celebrated his victory with his girl friend, Laura, Terry Lawless and his wife Sylvia, and a select band of friends at an Italian restaurant in East London—a nice, quiet celebration that went on until the early hours of the morning.

Even as they wined and dined, a phone call came to the restaurant from ABC-TV in New York, congratulating him on his victory. This may have after effects when it comes to negotiating Bruno's WBA title fight, which will be a TV spectacular in the United States, Britain, and other parts of the world.

Said Terry: "Frank seems to bring warmth and encouragement from his fans. It's as if the entire nation is willing him on." And who's to say that Frank will not be the fifth world champion to come out of the Lawless stable?

(03-04-86)

RON OLVER

FRAZIER-SMITH

RICHMOND, CALIF.—HEAVYweight Marvis Frazier may never live up to his father's reputation, but he was good enough to beat James (Bonecrusher) Smith in a 10-round nationally televised bout. Frazier was slammed to the canvas at the end of the fifth round, but survived and outpunched Smith for most of the remainder—winning a unanimous decision that may have looked closer than it was.

Smith, from Magnolia, North Carolina, came in at 234 pounds. Frazier was listed at 206, though he seemed like a squirt compared to Smith. Seven years younger than his opponent, the 25-year-old Frazier showed far more activity and proved himself to be a pesky little nuisance to Mr. Smith, slapping him on both sides of his face and whacking him in the tummy. Smith started fast and furious, but Marvis did not fold. In fact, he battled back and was hitting Smith repeatedly by the end of the first.

After a few rounds, the Bonecrusher began running out of breath, gasping for air as sadly as a tire going flat. In the fourth round, an accidental butt opened a small cut over Smith's left eye. He walked away and looked as if he wanted to go somewhere else for a while. But he kept changing his mind. With eighteen seconds left in the fifth, Smith cracked a left and right into Marvis' face and Frazier crashed to the canvas on his side. Frazier jumped up and the bell rang as referee Hank Elespuru was reciting the obligatory eight-count.

We may all be God's children, but only a handful can call Joe Frazier "Daddy." When Marvis went to his corner, his father and manager (and former heavyweight champion) held him with his hands and said, "Don't get careless. You want me to fight him? I will, but you signed the contract. Box him, move around. If you want, I'll get in there."

Frazier, now 16-1, held up well, and big Mr. Smith kept getting more and more pooped, until finally the last round ended and he had a 15-5 record, losing four of his last five contests. But there is always a tomorrow, as they say, and next up for Smith is an encounter with Mike Weaver, an unofficial old-timer's event.

The scorecards were, 97-93 by judge Joan Ortega; judge Jack Campbell and referee Hank Elespuru both had it 96-95, and, though it's nice to go out to lunch, a few actually had Smith winning!

Following the card, James Smith said, ". . . yes, Marvis won the fight. But I got hit low a lot and I kept getting butted."

"I've been asked if I can take a good punch," Marvis Frazier said in the press room. "Well, I think I showed that I can." I once got hurt but I bounced up."

Though Smith just about slam-dunked Marvis in the fifth round, *The Ring* called it 10-9 because Frazier was winning all the way until that unhappy moment. Granting Smith just three rounds, only the 10th seemed dubious. Frazier kept highstepping away, as if the other fellow carried germs. What's the use of dancing without touching?

The Sunday afternoon show was promoted by Tiffiny Productions, with Sam Glass of New York and Bay Area promoter Manny Piariano assisting.

Eric (The Prince) Martin stopped Steve Michaliszyn after eight rounds of a scheduled 10. Martin, 140, San Francisco, floored Michaliszyn, also 140, Las Vegas, in the opening round.

Loretto Garza, 139, Sacramento, won a unanimous decision over Chauncey Hayes, 139, San Francisco, eight.

Malcolm Shaw, 147, Hayward, stopped Doug McNatt, 147, Eugene, Ore., in the second round of a scheduled four.

The show was televised by CBS. Frazier received $50,000; Smith was paid $20,000. Attendance was 2,120.

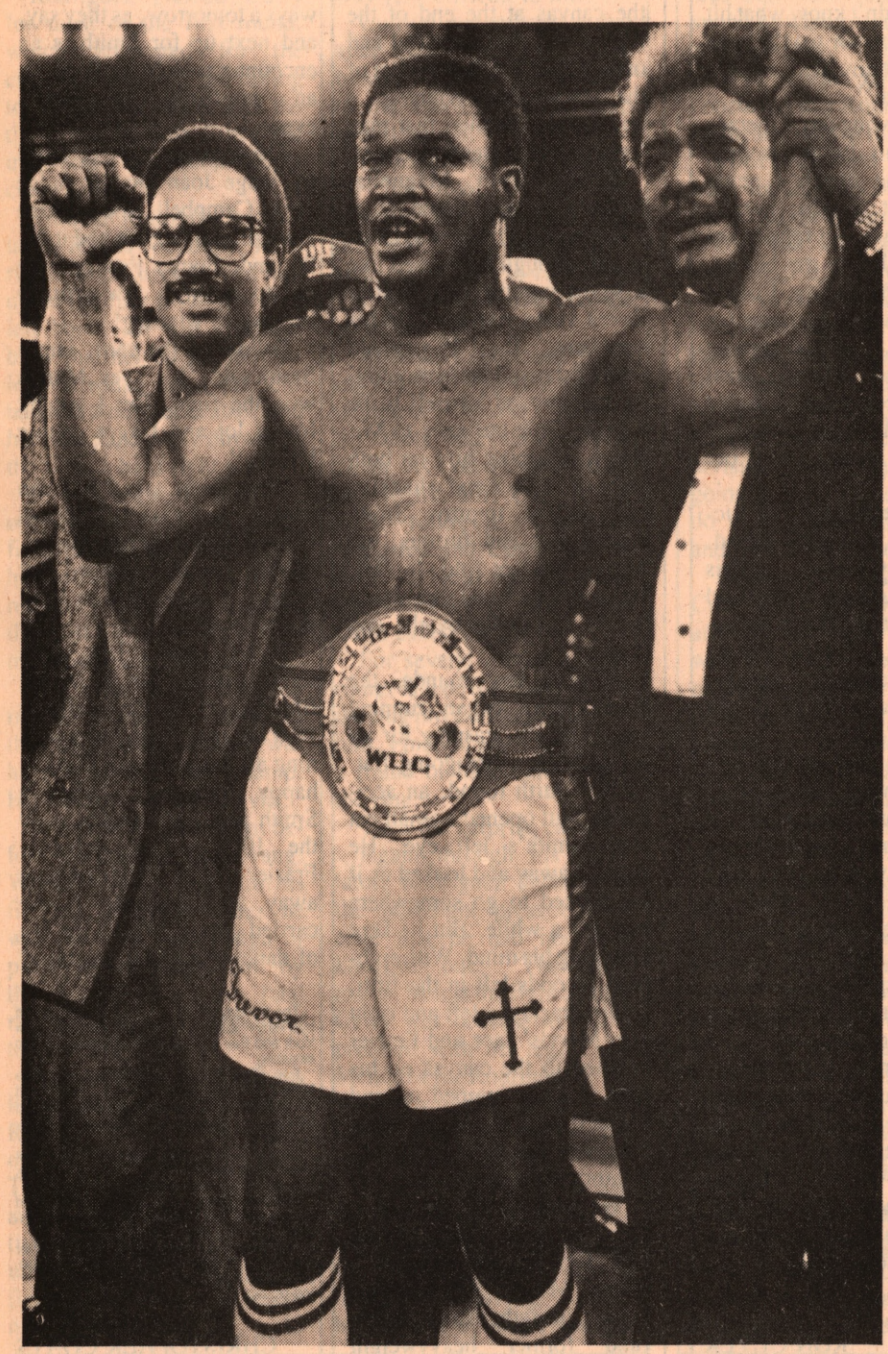
(02-23-86)

CHRISTOPHER COATS

BERBICK'S THE BOSS . . . WBC VERSION

Jamaican Maverick Upsets Pinklon Thomas For WBC Heavyweight

by Jack Welsh



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IN WHAT MAY HAVE SEEMED LIKE AN eternity to his admirers, the largest legacy Jamaican-born Trevor Berbick appeared destined to leave his grandchildren was retiring a well-spent legend named Muhammad Ali in the Bahamas in 1981. And if that wasn't enough, he could always tell them he became the first challenger to go 15 rounds with Larry Holmes. Today, this free-spirited warrior has a more prideful distinction to offer, not only to his kinfolk, but the full spectrum of boxing, having finally ascended as the WBC's latest heavyweight monarch.

The 32-year-old Berbick not only laid the inaugural defeat on Pinklon Thomas last March at the Riviera Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas, but he literally turned HBO's Heavyweight World Series upside down.

Thomas, 29, lauded for his vaunted jab and kayo right, was expected to ride all the way to the finals no matter where Don King and Butch Lewis, as the promoting Dynamic Duo, Inc., books their fistic road show. Through Berbick's unanimous 12-round victory, lifting his credentials to 31-4-1, 23 kayoes, wasn't quite as dramatic as Leon Spinks beating Ali here in 1978, nor Michael Spinks ruining Larry Holmes' perfect record last September to annex International Boxing Federation laurels, the betting odds were in the same neighborhood.

Most Nevada sports books, from Las Vegas to Reno-Lake Tahoe, closed out Thomas, a knockout winner in 21 of 26 scores, as a lopsided favorite. His followers had to lay $6 for every buck they wanted to win. There were some venues which viewed the action as "a total mismatch," and would only take 6-5 that the bout "does or doesn't go the distance."

Berbick's new stature in his profession should generate some healthy paydays later in the summer, as he awaits the survivor of the WBA-ordered rematch between Tim Witherspoon (taking a penalty for a marijuana misdemeanor) and Tubbs. But Trevor's rise to prominence was not without a price.

The new champion's purse was $50,000 (a pittance compared to Thomas' $635,000 reward), but he never saw it since District Court judge John Mendoza

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The new WBC heavyweight champion is flanked by Carl and Don King shortly after Trevor Berbick upset Pinklon Thomas. Note the cross on Berbick's trunks. Don has christened Trevor the "Fighting Preacher."

of Las Vegas imposed a writ of attachment to the money as partial satisfaction to a $466,000 judgment awarded to Thomas A. Prendergast of TAPCO Corp., in Texas. The legal action was taken on the morning of the weigh-in, but Berbick wasn't aware of the action since Harold Buck, executive director of the Nevada State Athletic Commission, wasn't formally served with the papers "until the fighters were in the third round of their championship fight."

There was a rumor that Berbick had bet $25,000 on himself to win at $5.50 to the dollar, and the rumor escalated by the time everybody assembled for fight post-mortems.

Trevor quickly put the story in its proper prospective.

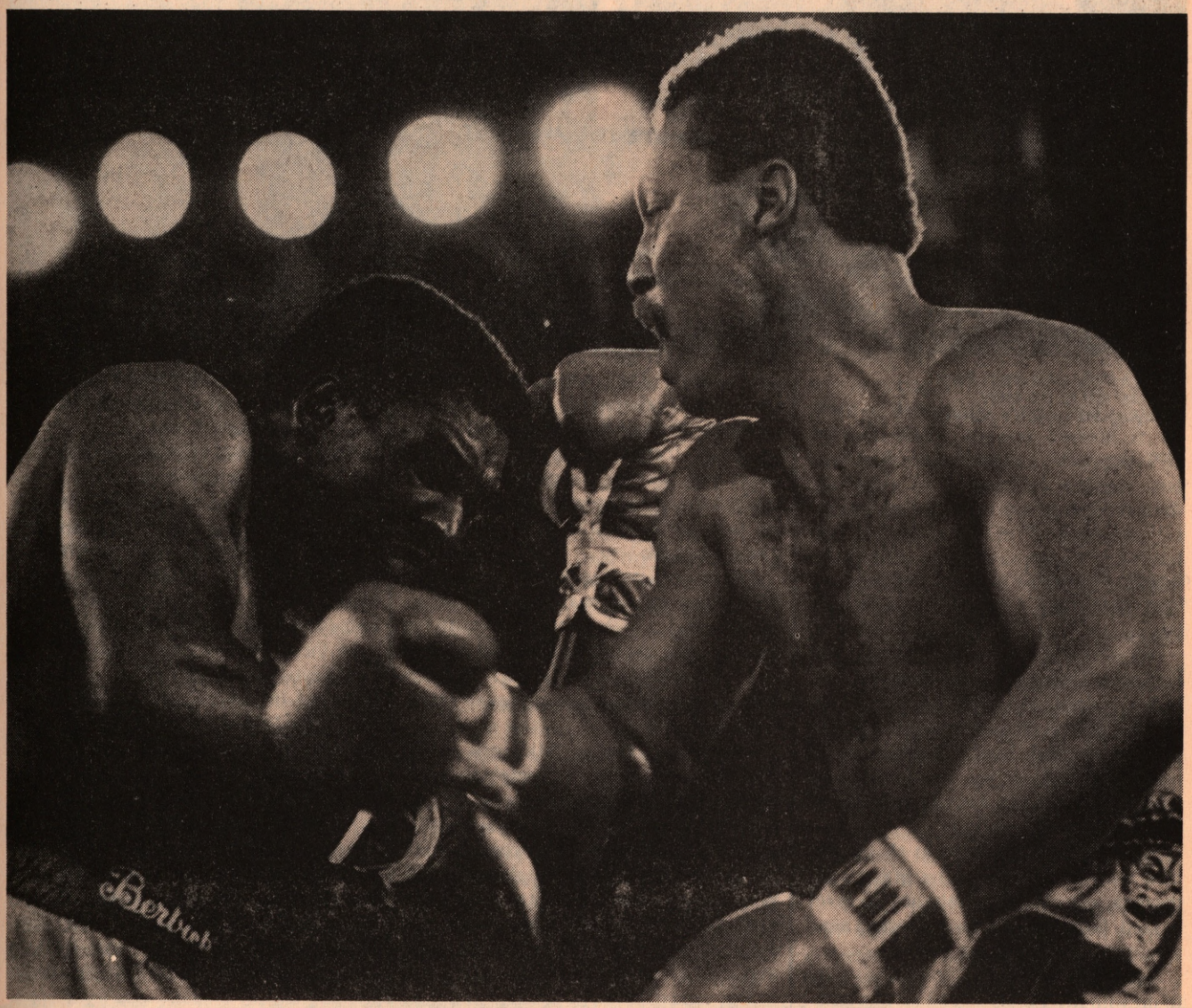
"Let me correct that (he stressed it twice) . . . I was very, very seriously tempted to bet. I wanted to bet $25,000, and I said it," the Caribbean world-traveller admitted. "But as a Christian soldier of the cross, with my religious convictions, I could not bet $25,000 even though I knew I would win. I say that because God has a way of 'muscling' heavyweights, and I didn't want that."

Too bad Trevor's genuine feel for religion (King recently anointed him the "Fighting Preacher") got in his way. Considering he was fighting one of the game's biggest punchers for literally zilch, Berbick could have used the $137,000 return a $25,000 wager would have generated.

Home Box Office television has purchased exclusive rights to the entire Series at a figure estimated between $20 and $26 million, and Berbick and Thomas certainly gave the cable network its money's worth for openers.

Berbick, who weighed-in at 218¾, admitted he was probably 222 when the first bell rang. And for video millions viewing it, plus 2,960 live spectators, the heated combat was fought predominantly in the trenches.

There were dramatic moments, particularly in the fourth and fifth rounds, when the rivals took turns hurting each other with combinations to the head and body. Berbick continually nullified Thomas' reputed power by slipping inside. He laid his head on Thomas' shoulder, then whacked away to the waistline with resounding shots. Trevor also countered Thomas's snapping jab (which wasn't too



Pinklon Thomas (right) landed a number of solid rights to the head, but Trevor Berbick absorbed them well and was never really in any serious trouble.

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

Berbick (left) pulls away from Thomas' left to the body, nullifying the punch's power.

snappy this night) with his own and, as later reviewed, "I busted him up a little too."

Not only was the sharp jab missing, but Pinklon's TNT right found Trevor's chin like a sponge. As early as the second round, Thomas drove home two rights to the jaw. Berbick hardly flinched, never backed up, and either shook his head "no" sideways, or waved his glove at Pinklon to "come on in."

When Thomas appeared to shake Berbick with a right late in the fifth round, the tenacious challenger returned the favor in kind, bringing the crowd to its feet amid screams and applause at the bell.

Berbick proclaimed "fitness had a lot to do with my victory," and he was probably right. The one-time Canadian heavyweight champion trailed on two scorecards through the eighth round, while one judge scored the fight even. It was then that Trevor uncharacteristically reached down for something extra, earning the edge in most of the furious mid-ring exchanges.

There were no knockdowns, but both gladiators wore badges of their profession. Thomas had a nick in the corner of his left eye, and a swollen cheekbone. Berbick's left orb had a lump underneath, and his right eye was smarting from an errant Pinklon thumb.

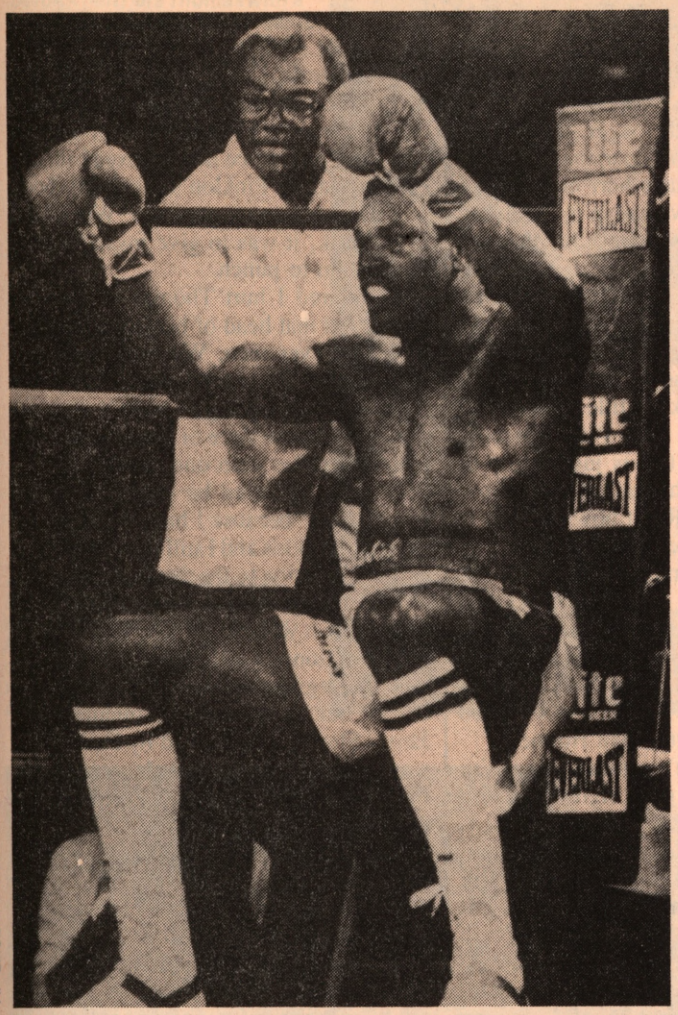
Thomas, a Pontiac, Michigan native who now lives in the Philadelphia suburb of Wyncote, Pennsylvania, was fighting with his mouth open in the late rounds, an obvious indication of how costly a nine-month lay-off can be to a peaking fighter. When Pinklon was reluctant to press, Berbick, the WBC's number one contender, dictated the terms of battle in the ninth round for a stretch run to the crown.

The crowd began to chant "Berbick! Berbick!" in the ninth round in an unaccustomed salute of adoption for this particular fist-fighter.

Berbick was not to be denied in his sixth trip into this desert oasis of chance, where longshots usually jam the traffic along the heartbreak highway that is the legendary Strip. Trevor became champion because he wanted it more, sweeping the last four rounds on one judge's card, and three of four rounds on two other official tabs.

In the official scoring, Paul Smith of Las Vegas and Spider Bynum of Dallas both had it 115-113 for Berbick, while Las Vegas' Art Lurie saw it 115-114 for the winner. *The Ring*'s tally was 116-114 for the new champion.

Despite Thomas' detrimental lay-off, it's understandable why the sports handicappers made the defending champion such a stickout favorite. Unorthodox in and out of the ring, Berbick has a little of Ali in him in that he's a child of whim. To say one doesn't know what Trevor is going to do, professionally or personally, looms as a classic understatement.



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Trainer Eddie Futch (left) sends Berbick out for the 12th and final round. Berbick, already sensing victory, holds up his arms as if to forcast his eventual triumph.

Nevada's pricemakers were willing to forget that power-punching Bernardo Mercado handed Berbick his only knockout loss in one-round back in 1979, or even the new champ's indifferent performance in losing to Renaldo Snipes in 1982. But the horror that kept them up at nights was the memory of Berbick and inept S.T. Gordon sleepwalking through 10 rounds at the Showboat Hotel-Casino May 28, 1983 in one of the worst "name" fights ever to appear on national television.

Just how many managers and trainers Berbick has had in a 11-year pro career going back to 1976 is a task for memory. But the 6'3" survivor never made a better move in his life when he enlisted the astute Eddie Futch as head trainer.

In post-fight reflection, Berbick declared: "Mr. Futch is a powerful man, a good, gentle man. When he talks, you listen. I also want to thank all the people who have been taking care of me. Lee Black is always available when I call him, and Kid Gavilan too for the 'crazy stuff'. (He didn't explain). And there's Johnny Tocco whose gym is a great place to train in Las Vegas. Naturally, I thank Don King and Butch Lewis for giving me the chance.

"Doing things Mr. Futch's way is an easy way, but this wasn't an easy fight. Pinklon Thomas is a great fighter. He has a good jab and a good right. He hurt me momentarily, but I used my jab as a strong counter. We were friends before the fight, and we'll always be friends. As for the thumbing in the eye, it was accidental even though I complained to the referee (Richard Steele)."

Futch was the opposition when Berbick challenged Holmes for the WBC title, losing on points at Caesars Palace April 11, 1981, but his silent philosophy is "If I can get a good fighter beat, I can also make him a winner."

"It was my first time in Holmes' corner when he fought Berbick," Futch reflected. "Going in, Larry was going to fight the wrong type of fight, probably trying to slug it out with Berbick, who has always taken a good punch. When I saw Berbick's win over John Tate in Montreal, I knew that he would be strong, tough and awkward for Larry. So I told Larry to box him. That's what he did to win a decision."

Futch was not surprised at Berbick's effort against Thomas.

"When Berbick is prepared mentally and in top shape like he was against Thomas, he's very difficult to fight," Eddie advised. "The important thing was that Trevor went into this fight with the right mental attitude . . . he was firmly convinced he could beat Pinklon.

"Berbick's strengths have always been his durability in setting a pace, plus the ability to throw a lot of punches. That's what I wanted him to do, and that's what he did. Berbick's offense kept Thomas off balance and finally tired him out."

Despite his disappointing showing, Thomas did not take Berbick lightly in his preparation, training for six weeks in Los Angeles, and the last two in Las Vegas.

"I have all the respect for Trevor and the people in his corner. But he'll be the only one in the ring," said the defending champion three days before the fight. "If he sticks his chin out, I'll turn out all his lights. The janitor will sweep him off the floor.

"I'll start proving myself by knockout out Berbick in the sixth round. Then I'll run away with the 'Spoon, take the jinx out of Spinks, and run Larry Holmes home."

Boxing experts on the scene were correct in noting Thomas had more than his share of distractions even though he had his wife, Kathy, and son, Pinklon, Jr. remain with relatives back in Michigan. Piklon hopes for a career as a singer, and spent some time distributing demo recordings of "Hanging On To Promises," a catchy tune which was played by several Vegas disc jockeys. The ballad was also played as he entered the ring to face Berbick. As it turned out, the lyrics were most prophetic.

Just how much the absence of trainer Angelo Dundee affected Pinklon's performance is open to conjecture. Thomas told the media there was a personal conflict between Dundee and cutman Bill Prezant. Neither wanted to work with the other, Pinklon said, although they were with him in harmony for his victories over Witherspoon and Weaver.

"I have great respect for Angelo, and may work with him again. He's a great cornerman," Thomas said. "But Bill Prezant has been with me too, and I have a

certain loyalty, as well as equal respect for him. Sometimes these things happen, but there are no hard feelings."

Prezant, who has worked with a host of world champion such as Holmes and Robert Duran, was more irate than anyone else.

"What do they mean Dundee doesn't want to work with Prezant," the New Yorker snapped. "This is a case of Prezant not wanting to work with Dundee."

"Thomas fought a bad fight. He gave Berbick the title," Dundee said after watching the fight at his home in Miami. "There would have been a knockout if I had been there — I would have knocked out Pinklon."

Thomas appeared drawn and spoke like a man coming down with a sore throat in the post-fight inquisition.

"You ask me if I took this fight lightly? The answer is 'No'. I did what I had to do to get the job done," the suddenly ex-champion said. "Boxing is still my first priority and I have some fighters to give advice to. Berbick fought a great fight . . . he took my title. It's his. I'm exercising my talents. I'm an entertainer, I'm a manager. I'm in a position to manage myself, but I paid dearly for it besides tonight.

"I want the tournament to go off, no matter who wins . . . it makes no sense to have three champions. I was off so long because there were no TV dates available. I'll take a few weeks off and decide which end is up. I'll be going back to my studio in Los Angeles because I still have my music to work on."

Thomas, who turned his life around by kicking drugs at 15 and marrying his childhood sweetheart at 17, admits the lay-off may have dulled his sharpness.

"I went out and fought the best I could," said Pinklon, pursing his lips. "The lay-off may have hurt me because the snap I should have had in my punches was missing. That's no excuse though. All I want is a chance to get my title back like Larry Holmes is getting from Michael Spinks.

"Berbick takes a good shot. I felt I won the fight, but the judges and referee, as well as Berbick, took my title. I know I'm a true champion in life. I've overcome many obstacles, so this is just a drop in the bucket. If we fight again, I don't know how I'd fight him. Right now Berbick is the true champion because I was the true champion for 18 months, but I'll be back."

Berbick sometimes slurs vowels as he machine guns the words in answering media queries. Typical was the new champion's retort when a TV announcer asked "if Thomas was better than Holmes?"

"No, no . . . don't get me wrong, I'm saying Pinklon is a great fighter because of the fight he gave me," Trevor frowned. "But I'm not gonna come between him and Holmes. I don't want to do that. I'm a fighter, so I'll fight whoever the promoter wants me to fight.

"I want it to be exciting. I don't care whose good, or better. I just want excitement. And, of course, money."

Berbick, lauding Futch as a strategy genius, said the battle-plan, in essence, was "quite simple."

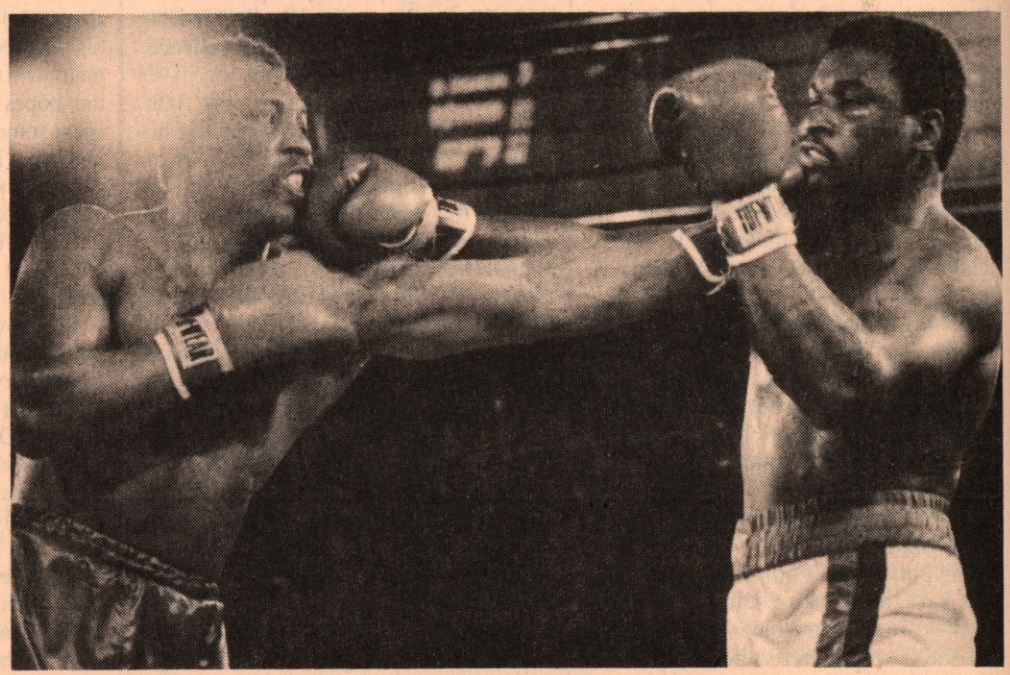
"Our strategy was winning, and that meant throwing a lot of punches and making it an exciting fight," Trevor smiled. "But did you notice how I boxed him and kept my jab in Pinklon's face? My body punches were pretty good too. When I did move back, it was to give myself a little more room to punch.

"I figured I hurt Thomas in the 10th round, but that head of his is the toughest head I've ever seen. We were both very tired in the last round, but if anybody thought I was loafing, I wasn't . . . just waiting to throw three or four-punch combinations rather than one punch.

Berbick indicated he may box for six more years "because I have big plans for my wife and kids and I still enjoy boxing."

The ascension to the throne by boxing's affable maverick also marked the end of a bittersweet week for Futch. The 73-year-old conditioner's saddness was rekindled when a ringside timekeeper tolled "ten" on the bell in memory of middleweight James Shuler, also trained by Futch, who was killed in a motorcycle accident in Philadelphia just two days before the Berbick-Thomas fight.

Only the week before, Futch was unsuccessful in trying to convince Shuler, 26, not to buy a cycle following his one-round knockout by Thomas Hearns. Unlike Berbick who listened to Futch and won a world crown, Shuler made up his own mind, and became a tragic obituary. □



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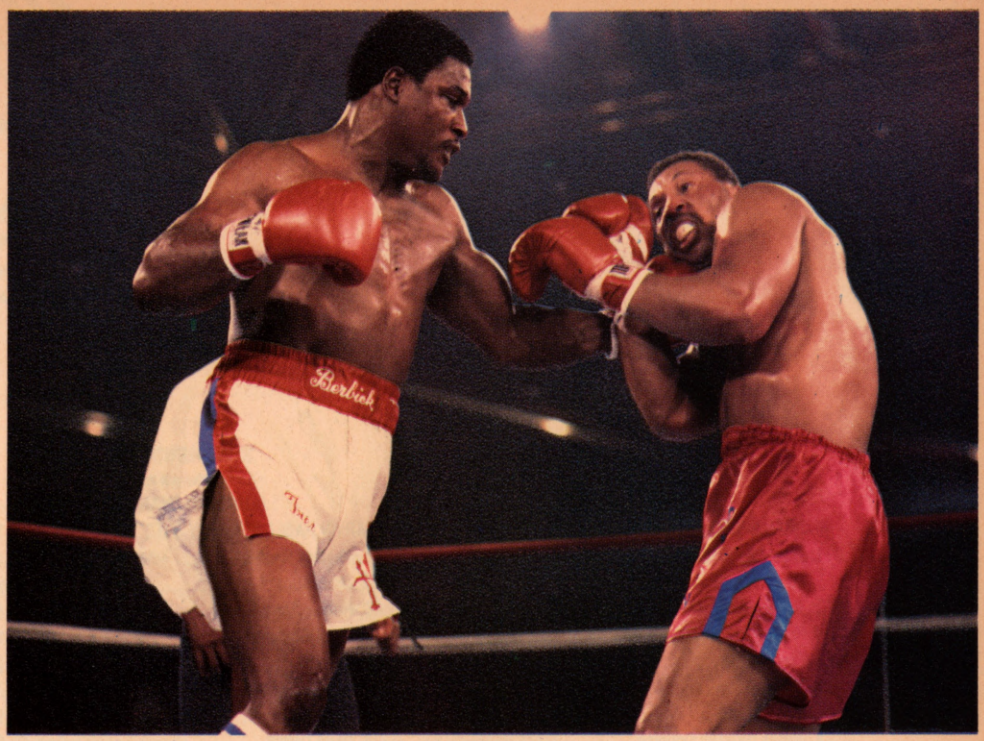
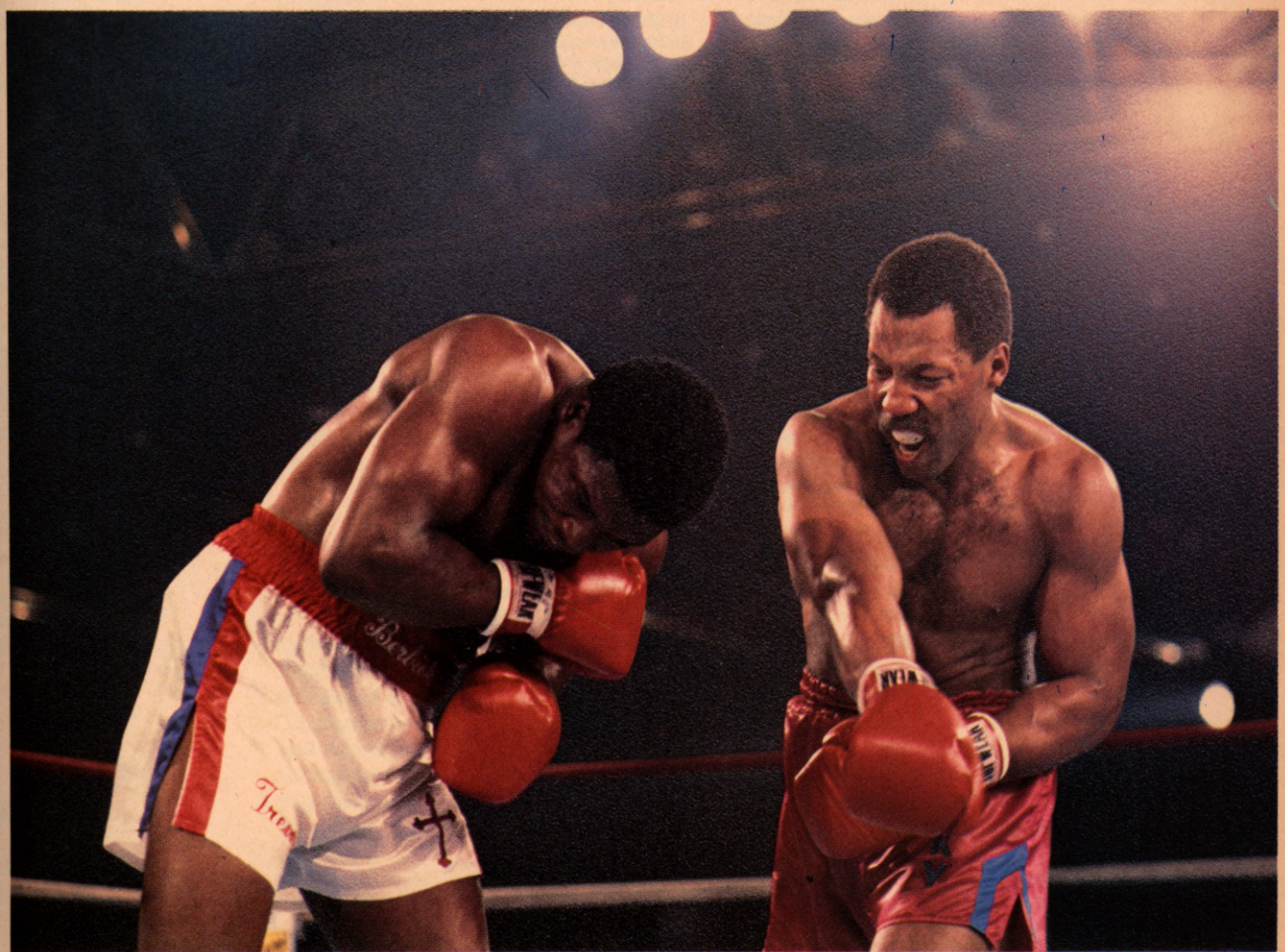
Thomas and Berbick (right) trade left jabs during their 12-rounder for the WBA heavyweight title in Las Vegas.

Berbick (left) jars Thomas with a left hook to the head. There were dramatic moments, particularly in the fourth and fifth, when the rivals took turns hurting each other with combinations to the head and body.



As early as the second round, Thomas (right) drove home two rights to the jaw. Berbick hardly flinched. Trevor later proclaimed: "Fitness had a lot to do with my victory." He was probably right.



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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS☆ ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1. **Trevor Berbick**** ..... Canada
2. **Larry Holmes** ..... Easton, Pa.
3. **Tim Witherspoon*** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Pinklon Thomas** ..... Canada
5. **Tony Tubbs** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
6. **James Smith** ..... Magnolia, N.C.
7. **Frank Bruno** ..... England
8. **James (Buster) Douglas** ..... Columbus, Ohio
9. **Mike Weaver** ..... Diamond Bar, Calif.
10. **Carl Williams** ..... New York, N.Y.

11. David Bey 12. Greg Page 13. Marvis Frazier 14. James Broad 15. Gerrie Coetzee 16. Tony Tucker 17. Tyrell Biggs 18. Eddie Gregg 19. Mitchell Green 20. Mike Tyson.

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 195 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS (SUGAR) DeLEON** ..... Puerto Rico
1. **Dwight Muhammad Qawi*** ..... Camden, N.J.
2. **Bernard Benton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
3. **Alfonzo Ratliff** ..... Chicago, Ill.
4. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
5. **Lee Roy Murphy**☆ ..... Chicago, Ill.
6. **Evander Holyfield** ..... Atlanta, Ga.
7. **John Odhiambo** ..... Uganda
8. **Osvaldo Ocasio** ..... Puerto Rico
9. **Bashiru Ali** ..... Oakland, Calif.
10. **Ricky Parkey** ..... Morristown, Tenn.

11. Henry Hearns 12. Anthony Davis 13. Stanley Ross 14. Boone Pultz 15. Dorcey Gaymon 16. Chisanda Mutti 17. Henry Tillman 18. Henry Milligan 19. Michael Greer 20. Pierre Coetzer.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Marvin Johnson*** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
2. **J.B. Williamson**** ..... Inglewood, Calif.
3. **Slobodan Kacar**☆ ..... Yugoslavia
4. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
5. **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
6. **Prince Mama Mohammed** ..... Ghana
7. **Jean-Marie Emebe** ..... Cameroon
8. **Bobby Czyz** ..... Wanaque, N.J.
9. **Jim MacDonald** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
10. **Leslie Stewart** ..... Trinidad

11. Dennis Andries 12. Grover Robinson 13. Alex Blanchard 14. Everett Martin 15. Kelvin Kelly 16. Freddie Guzman 17. Poncho Carter 18. Charles Williams 19. Clarence Osby 20. Marvin Mack.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER* **☆ ..... Brockton, Mass.
1. **Thomas Hearns** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
3. **Robbie Sims** ..... Brockton, Mass.
4. **Herol Graham** ..... England
5. **Don Lee** ..... Gary, Ind.
6. **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
7. **Tony Sibson** ..... England
8. **Doug DeWitt** ..... Yonkers, New York
9. **Lindell Holmes** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10. **Michael Olajide** ..... Canada

11. Chong-Pal Park 12. Michael Nunn 13. Charlie Boston 14. John Collins 15. Curtis Parker 16. Iran Barkley 17. Kevin Watts 18. Alex Ramos 19. Dwight Davison 20. Vincent Boulware.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 154 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **Mike McCallum*** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Carlos Santos** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
5. **Buster Drayton** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6. **Matthew Hilton** ..... Canada
7. **Julian Jackson** ..... Virgin Islands
8. **Donald Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
9. **Mark Medal** ..... Jersey City, N.J.
10. **David Braxton** ..... Detroit, Mich.

11. Darnell Knox 12. Wilfred Benitez 13. Francisco DeJesus 14. Robert Hines 15. Sean Mannion 16. In-Chul Baek 17. Duane Thomas 18. Troy Darrell 19. James Green 20. Fred Hutchings.

WELTERWEIGHTS
WORLD CHAMPION

DONALD CURRY* **☆ ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
1. **Milton McCrory** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
3. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
4. **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
5. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
6. **Lloyd Honeyghan** ..... England
7. **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.
8. **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
9. **Horace Shufford** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
10. **Manning Galloway** ..... Columbus, Ohio

11. Mark Breland 12. Vincent Pettway 13. John Munduga 14. Sylvester Mittee 15. Jerome Kinney 16. John Montes 17. Carlos Trujillo 18. Jorge Vaca 19. Troy Wortham 20. Juan Alonso Villa.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Lonnie Smith**** ..... Denver, Colo.
2. **Patrizio Oliva*** ..... Italy
3. **Ronnie Shields** ..... Port Arthur, Texas
4. **Alexis Arguello** ..... Miami, Fla.
5. **Ubaldo Sacco** ..... Argentina
6. **Gene Hatcher** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
7. **Rene Arredondo** ..... Mexico
8. **Aaron Pryor** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
9. **Terry Marsh** ..... England
10. **Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez** ..... Mexico

11. Joe Louis Manley 12. Gary Hinton 13. Reyes Cruz 14. Frankie Warren 15. Harold Brazier 16. James (Buddy) McGirt 17. Saoul Mamby 18. John Meekins 19. Arthur Mayisela 20. Ricky Young.

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Ratings as of April 10, 1986

* WBA CHAMPION
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LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Livingstone Bramble*** ..... Passaic, N.J.
2. **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Jimmy Paul**☆ ..... Detroit, Mich.
4. **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
5. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
6. **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7. **Darryl Tyson** ..... Washington, D.C.
8. **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... Uganda
9. **Terrence Alli** ..... New York, N.Y.
10. **Meldrick Taylor** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Sammy Fuentes 12. Fred Pendleton 13. Pernell Whitaker 14. Edwin Curet 15. Howard Davis, Jr. 16. Harry Arroyo 17. Roger Mayweather 18. Greg Haugen 19. Bobby Chacon 20. Vinnie Pazienza.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 130 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ* ..... Puerto Rico
1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**** ..... Mexico
2. **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
3. **Alfredo Layne** ..... Panama
4. **Juan LaPorte** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
6. **Johnny de la Rosa** ..... Detroit, Mich.
7. **Dwight Pratchett** ..... Gary, Ind.
8. **Barry Michael**☆ ..... Australia
9. **Francisco Tomas Cruz** ..... Australia
10. **Rafael Solis** ..... Puerto Rico

11. Kenny Baysmore 12. Pat Cowdell 13. Jean Marc Renard 14. John Sichula 15. Raphe Sims 16. Julio Llerena 17. Tae-Jin Moon 18. Edgar Castro 19. Mark Fernandez 20. Ruben Castillo.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BARRY McGUIGAN* ..... Ireland
1. **Azumah Nelson**** ..... Ghana
2. **Eusebio Pedroza** ..... Panama
3. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
4. **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Ki-Yung Chung**☆ ..... Korea
6. **Calvin Grove** ..... Pottstown, Pa.
7. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
8. **Min-Keun Oh** ..... Korea
9. **Refugio Rojas** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10. **Jose Marmolejos** ..... Panama

11. Richard Savage 12. Steve Cruz 13. Tyrone Jackson 14. Antonio Rivera 15. Joe Ruelas 16. Billy White 17. Adrian Arreola 18. Lupe Suarez 19. Sergio Zambrano 20. Fernando Sosa.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 122 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Victor Callejas*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Samart Payakaroon**** ..... Thailand
3. **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4. **Loris Stecca** ..... Italy
5. **Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Jorge Ramirez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8. **James Pipps** ..... Vidor, Texas
9. **Harold Petty** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
10. **George Garcia** ..... Westminster, Calif.

11. Mike Ayala 12. Oscar Muniz 13. Seung-Hoon Lee 14. Daniel Blanco 15. Tommy Valoy 16. Ramon Dominguez 17. Bernardo Pinango 18. Yun-Kap Choi 19. Leonardo Cruz 20. Jesus Flores.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

GABY CANIZALES* ..... Laredo, Texas
1. **Miguel Lora**** ..... Colombia
2. **Gilberto Roman** ..... Mexico
3. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
4. **Jiro Wantanabe** ..... Japan
5. **Richard Sandoval** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
7. **Daniel Zaragoza** ..... Mexico
8. **Albert Davila** ..... Mexico
9. **Jeff Fenech**☆ ..... Australia
10. **Kelvin Seabrooks** ..... Charlotte, N.C.

11. Edgar Montserrat 12. Freddie Jackson 13. Cesar Polanco 14. Rafael Orono 15. Jerome Coffee 16. Elly Pical 17. Hurley Snead 18. James Pipps 19. Frankie Duarte 20. Santos Laciar.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA** ..... Thailand
1. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
2. **Hilario Zapata*** ..... Panama
3. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
4. **Myung-Woo Yuh** ..... Korea
5. **Joey Olivo** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Dodie Penalosa** ..... Philippines
7. **Paul Gonzales** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8. **Jose DeJesus** ..... Puerto Rico
9. **Isidro Perez** ..... Mexico
10. **Agustin Garcia** ..... Colombia

11. Jorge Cano 12. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez 13. Virgilio Chifundo 14. Javier Lucas 15. Hermogenes Murillo 16. Reinaldo Becerra 17. Hi-Sup Shin 18. German Torres 19. Antonio Avelar 20. Juan Herrera.

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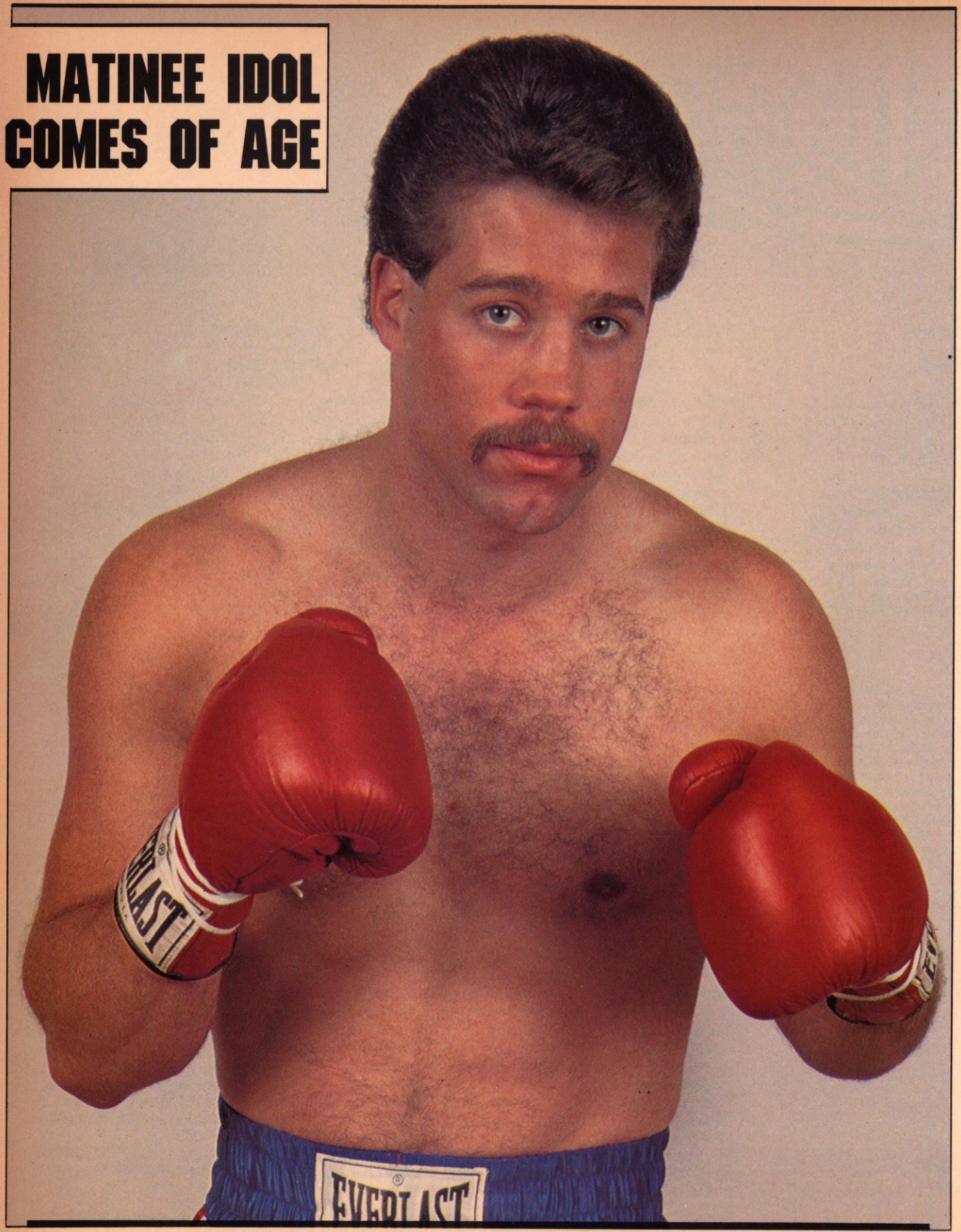


Turbulent Past Toughens Czyz For Title Test

by Nigel Collins

SO FAR, BOBBY CZYZ'S CAREER HAS been, in his words, like a "roller coaster" ride. But now that he's signed to face Slobodan Kacar for the IBF light heavyweight title, Bobby feels that the ups and downs are finally over.

"Fourteen years of struggle will culminate in one day," declared Czyz. "I will not be denied. Now is the time, and I will deliver. A hungry man is always dangerous. And a hungry man with a cause is even more dangerous."

Perhaps things were too easy for Czyz at first. Maybe he needed some hard knocks to toughen him up. Whatever the case, he's no longer the teenage sensation who first captured the attention of the boxing world with a string of 20 straight wins during the first three years of the decade. Bobby is 24 years old now and a battle-scarred veteran, not only of the ring, but of life itself.

Back in those early days, Czyz seemed to have everything going for him. He was the All-American boy from Wanaque, New Jersey, the kind of guy most mothers would love their daughters to bring home. NBC-TV billed him as a "matinee idol," and the media was fond of calling him "white, bright, and polite." They were right. He was all of those things. But he wasn't ready to fight Mustafa Hamsho. That's for sure.

On a blustery November afternoon in 1982, Hamsho welcomed Czyz to the big leagues, bulling and bullying his way to a 10-round decision. It was the first, and, to date, only loss of Bobby's career, but he seemed as unprepared for defeat as he was for Hamsho. Usually loquacious, Czyz sulked in his dressing room, refusing to meet the press as he had done so often in victory. Many wrote him off as just another white hope who couldn't hack it once he stepped up to world class opposition.

The loss to Hamsho was only the beginning of troubled times. He was sidelined for 10 months with a hand injury. Then, just as he started to roll again, tragedy struck. Bobby's father, Robert Sr., committed suicide, throwing his son's world into total chaos.

"I was completely unsettled for around eight months," recalls Czyz. "I couldn't sleep at night. You can put things out of your mind during the day, but at night your subconscious takes over. Whenever I closed my eyes, I would see the image of my father."

The relationship between father and son had been an intense one. Bobby sounds comfortable about it now, seemingly stronger for his ordeal.

"He was a hard man, a driving man," said Czyz. "He never gave up on something he believed in. And Robert Czyz, Jr. was something he definitely believed in. It would be hard for you to understand, but in the long run, it was my father who helped me get over him. It was my father's dream for me to be world champion. It's a dream I want to fulfill."

There must have been times during the past few years when that dream seemed beyond his grasp. Nagging hand injuries and cancelled fights were only part of it. There was also a scrape with the law. Late in the summer of '84, Czyz was charged with aggravated assault and second-degree burglary by the mother of his ex-fiance. The assault charges were eventually dropped, but the court ruled that Bobby had to participate in community service to satisfy the other charges.

Then came his split with the Duvas, who had handled his career from the beginning.

Maybe Bobby Czyz's time has finally come. Maybe fate has conspired to keep him waiting until he was fully prepared to take advantage of the opportunity.

Through it all, Czyz kept plugging away, never giving up on the dream he shared with his father.

"There was never a time when I seriously entertained the thought of giving up boxing. I love boxing. It is the ultimate sport. I also like the finer things in life. Boxing is the best vehicle for me to maintain the lifestyle I want for me and my family."

As time passed, Czyz grew too big for the middleweight ranks and decided to campaign as a light heavy. Following exciting wins over Marvin Mack (W10) and Tim "TNT" Broady (KO4), Bobby dropped back down to super middleweight and outpointed Murray Sutherland. At that juncture, his new promoter, Carlo Dee, tried to entice IBF super middleweight champion Chong-Pal Park to come to the U.S. and defend against Czyz. But once again, Bobby ran into a roadblock.

"We tried to get Park, but the Korean promoter was asking an outrageous price," said Dee. "Then when Michael Spinks won the heavyweight title, the IBF light heavyweight title became vacant and gave us another way to go."

Czyz won't be going into the Kacar fight blind. He and Dee travelled to Pesaro, Italy, to watch Slobodan score a split decision over Eddie Mustafa Muhammad for the vacant IBF crown. Bobby also provided color commentary for the television broadcast.

"He (Kacar) is big, with a long reach," reports Bobby. "He has a European, stand-up style, very durable with a lot of heart. He's also got Angelo Dundee in his corner, always a plus. But he'll be facing a 100% mature Bobby Czyz. I have a Marvin Hagler attitude now and I'm very confident I'm going to beat him."

As all of us who follow boxing know, a lot can happen between the signing of a contract and fight time. Czyz has been burned before, but this time, he has insurance. As the mandatory challenger, he is guaranteed the next shot at the title. If for any reason Kacar doesn't fulfill the contract, he will be stripped and Czyz will fight the leading available contender for the championship.

Maybe Bobby Czyz's time has finally come. Maybe fate has conspired to keep him waiting until he was fully prepared to take advantage of the opportunity. A recent incident seems to indicate that Czyz's luck has changed again—this time, for the better.

He had only just returned from Italy when a news item on television caught his attention. There had been a terrorist attack at the Rome airport, and the TV pictures sent a shiver up Bobby's spine.

"I couldn't believe it," said Czyz. "They shot up the place; bodies were all over, including the restaurant where we had eaten just a few days before. We had been sitting in those same chairs."

Czyz won't have to face bombs and machine guns against Kacar—just an honorable, yet rather obscure, champion named Slobodan from Yugoslavia. After what he's been through the last few years, it should be a snap. □

THE CUBAN HAWK STILL FLYING HIGH

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

Kid Gavilan as he appears today. "The Keed" recently turned up in Las Vegas as an "assistant trainer" to Trevor Berbick.

The Life and Times of Kid Gavilan

by Jack Welsh

IN A LIFESTYLE THAT BELIES FICTION, Cuban-born Gerardo Gonzalez danced every dance, paid the fiddler without a whimper, and today remains buoyant and gregarious after repeated victories over domestic adversity.

If you choose further research on this engaging personality, be sure to talk to someone who has had at least 50 years on this planet, don't ask if Señor Gonzalez ever played in Desi Arnaz's band, and if computer data is needed for the project, punch a file under "Kid Gavilan."

Figuratively, the swath Gavilan cut across boxing's firmament rivaled Halley's Comet. And as an explosive spectacular, it literally spanned history—World War II and the Korean War. The

Kid thrilled spectators throughout the world for 15 years.

It doesn't make much difference where you walk in on a profile about this 60-year-old Latin-American—beginning, middle or end—because it has been a gas every step of the way. The lyricist who penned that smash hit of the fifties, "Young At Heart," must have met Gavilan.

With his awesome list of credentials, including reigning as world welterweight champion (1951-54), it's a heavy task to pin down one deed that catapulted Gavilan into *The Ring*'s Hall of Fame in 1966. But if it came down to a solo stat, perhaps the most eye-catching would be that in 143 professional bouts, this "Cuban Keed" was never knocked out. And that means looking across the ring at such titans as Sugar Ray Robinson (twice), Ike Williams (three times), Billy Graham (four times), Carmen Basilio, Johnny Bratton, Tony Japiro, Gil Turner, Johnny Saxton, and Tommy Bell among others, including the first over-hyped TV darling of the day, Chuck Davey.

Gavilan, who was born in Camaguey, Cuba, January 6, 1926, was nonpareil as a ring stylist. Of his 103 victories, 79 arrived on points. While not exactly a mini Joe Louis for pure power, the Kid's artistry was enhanced by a slashing assault, further heightened by his perfection of the exciting bolo punch, a windmill weapon which usually sent reeling opposition deeper along the road to oblivion.

There were times when the Kid's fluid moves in combat were actually spinoffs of those feather steps he exquisitely displayed in dancing the tango, rumba, and bolero among other Latin ballroom exercises from Havana to New York and back again.

Gavilan never fought in Las Vegas, primarily because this international gaming oasis was yet to assert itself as the boxing capital of the world for major fistic matchups. TV networks still hadn't realized the full blackout advantages of operating from a desert locale.

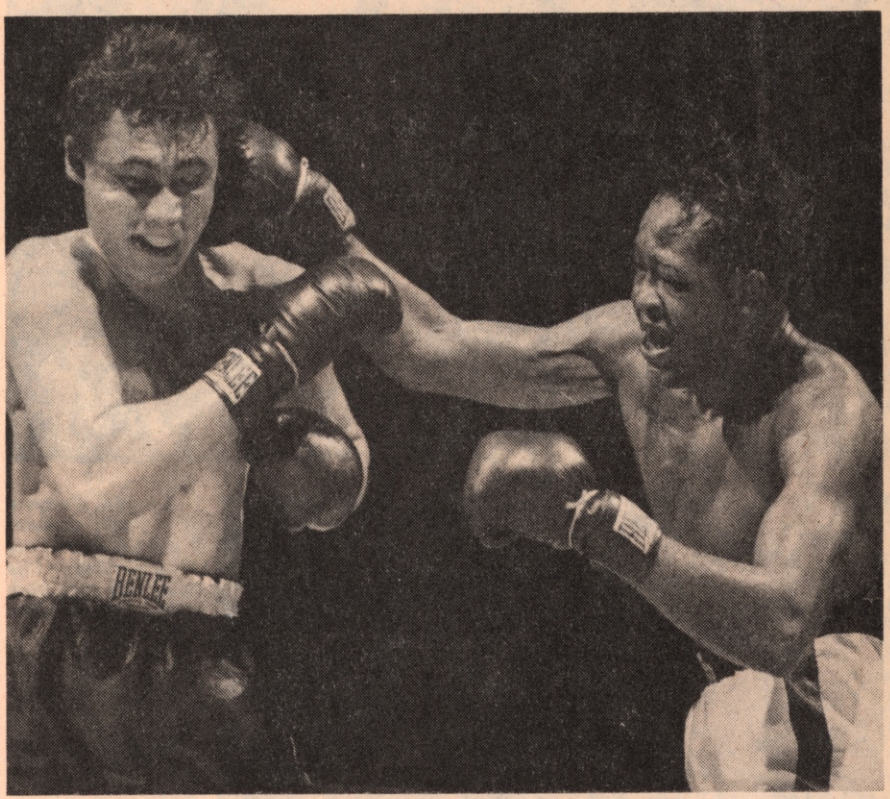
Yet when the Kid rolled into town last spring from his adopted home bastion in Miami, Florida, old and young timers jammed the sand back into the hour glass. Dapperly attired as always, Gavilan was listed among Trevor Berbick's entourage as "assistant trainer" to Eddie Futch, and Lee Black. Though the former 147-pound champion's duties weren't clearly defined, whatever he was doing, he was doing it right, since Berbick, a 6-1 underdog, decisioned Pinklon Thomas to win the World Boxing Council heavyweight title at the Riviera Hotel-Casino.

When historians reflect on the golden moments of the Sweet Science, they'll always bring up Gavilan's wars with Robinson, first a non-title affair in New York September 23, 1948, the second for the welter crown in Philadelphia July 11, 1949 over 15 rounds. The Kid lost both decisions, but they were as close as your next breath, giving rise to the theory that Gavilan had the ill luck to be in the division when the incomparable Sugar Ray was at his peak.

"I knew all the fighters at the time, but Sugar Ray was the master boxer of all time . . . he always will be," Gavilan opined while relaxing in the Riviera lobby where wide-eyed tourists looked for rainbows in jackpot. "Pound-for-pound, Robinson had no equal . . . he will always stand as the greatest, and that included such guys as Joe Louis, Archie Moore, Rocky Marciano, Jack Dempsey, and Muhammad Ali, to name a few. He had complete skills. Besides master boxing, he was one of the hardest punchers to every knock out anybody.

"I'm sure Sugar Ray knew in his heart that he didn't beat me because he later said, 'It wasn't Jake LaMotta who gave me my toughest fight, but Kid Gavilan.' After our first fight, I understand he told his manager, George Gainsford, that 'nobody is gonna knock out Gavilan.' I've always had great respect for Sugar Ray, I used to see him in New York when he owned that bar. I understand he's not feeling too good right now, but I hope he has a complete recovery."

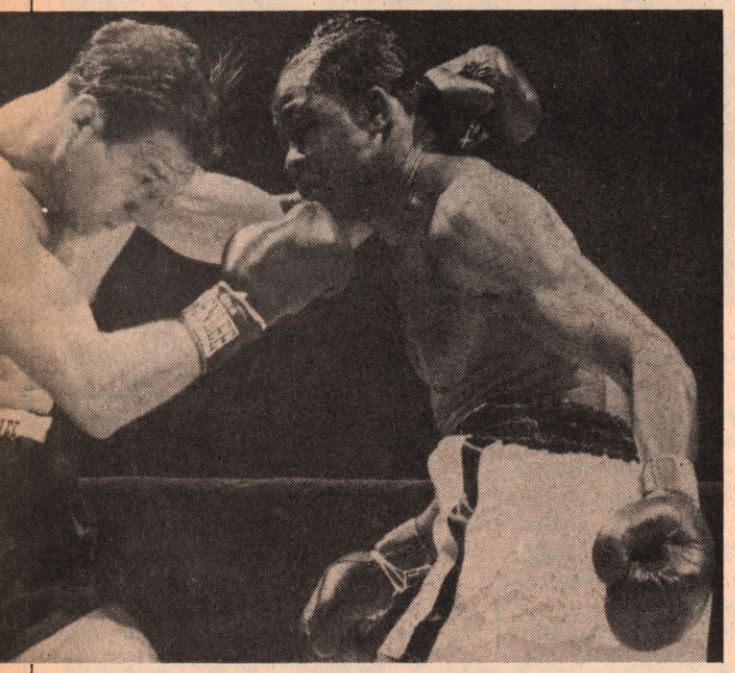
Gavilan is considerably trimmer now than a decade ago when he ballooned to 200 pounds (an uncomfortable load when you're only 5'10½"), working first for Muhammad Ali at his Deer Lake training camp in Pennsylvania, and later as coach of Golden Gloves boxers at nearby Harrisburg. For the last six years, Kid has been in Miami, and is currently a staff trainer with Duran Boxing Corporation, a promotional group with its own gym.



The "Cuban Hawk" is on target with a right to the head during his 1950 bout with George Smalls in New York. Gavilan won a unanimous 10-round decision.

The jowls have tightened up, the waistline has narrowed as the pro's pro has pared down to 160 pounds, but that pencil-thin mustache, and crinkly-wavy

Gavilan, always a flashy dresser, models one of his ring robes in this publicity shot from the 1950s.



Gavilan (right) winds up his famous "bolo" punch during his controversial third fight with Billy Graham in New York's Madison Square Garden.

black hair is still in place. Gavilan's sloe, almost Oriental eyes glow with anticipation. Every new day is a challenge. When a million-dollar smile precedes his Spanish-laced English, you get an honest good feeling that everything is going to be all right. It's difficult to talk to Kid Gavilan without assuming that attitude yourself.

Gavilan's four-fight series with Graham will always surface wherever fight guys reminisce. The Kid lost the first, a 10-round decision in New York February 10, 1950. Gavilan avenged the loss the following November 17, and won the next two when the title was on the line, first in New York in 1951, and in 1952 in Havana.

There was much controversy that Graham, long hailed as the "Uncrowned Champion" had won his first challenge in a close fight, so they went to Cuba for the return.

"Our fourth fight was very tough," Gavilan remembers. "For the first three, it was a lot of boxing skill. But this time we both changed to sluggers. It was an exciting fight, a great fight, and the Cuban people went wild. There was never any bad feeling between me and Graham at any time. I liked him very much . . . we became close. We even introduced our wives to each other when I was back in New York."

Gavilan cannot smother a smile when he talks about his championship defense against Chuck Davey, a near-forerunner to Hector Camacho for hit-and-run technique, who came out of Michigan State with boyish good looks, a pleasant manner, but no power in his gloves. But the International Boxing Club sent Davey on a winning streak, making him a saturation subject for television.

Promoter Jim Norris made the fight for February 11, 1953 in Chicago Stadium before a full house. Perhaps the most humorous thing about this tableau is that a large segment of the nation thought the southpaw Davey, pitty-pat punch notwithstanding, could actually beat Gavilan.

"I hadn't fought many lefthanders in my career. They are awkward to fight, so that's why a lot of people felt Davey would win," Gavilan reflected. "Of course, he defeated Billy Graham and Carmen Basilio, but that was because they didn't know how to fight him. Yes, the public was confident he would beat me because they didn't know I was the master."

"I knew Chuck would be easy because I knew how to fight him. I knocked him down the first time in the third round with a right hand. I kept pressing him because

I wanted to finish Davey as quick as I can. Finally in the ninth round, I got him with a left hook, an uppercut, and a right to the jaw. Davey went flying through the ropes. He had a lot of guts, climbing back in to finish the round, but he couldn't come out for the bell in the 10th round."

One might have thought Gavilan was a part-time commuter between Havana and Philadelphia the way he kept showing up for title defenses in the City of Brotherly Love. The high-flying Gil Turner, tough and undefeated, faced the Kid July 7, 1952, but Gavilan's all-around savvy wore him down for a 11th round TKO. But Philly came up one time too many for Cuba's national idol on October 20, 1954, when he defended against fast-rising Johnny Saxton.

"The mob was moving into boxing pretty good by then," Gavilan recalls. "They knew I was the champion, but it eliminated me right off because if they don't want you to be, you won't be champion. Saxton was tough, he was aggressive, but he was not a great fighter. He was trying to wrestle me most of the time. He never beat me, but after 15 rounds, they gave Saxton the decision.

"Frankie Carbo controlled boxing in those days. Sure, there were fixed fights and they sold fighters like cattle. It was very hard to hold the title with all the pressure from the wrong guys. Throughout my career, I had never refused any fights—even if I was sick. I never let any promoter down. I could see what was happening in 1957 when I fought Gasper Ortega down in Miami Beach. I beat him easy. We fought three months later in Los Angeles. It was another easy win over Ortega, but this time they gave him the decision. Suddenly, I'm 34 years old and blacklisted. I could see the handwriting on the wall, so I fought four more times, and said, 'That's all.' That was September 11, 1958."

Gavilan, who was managed during his career by Fernando Balido, Angel Lopez, and Yamil Chade, swears he never participated in a fixed fight, but laughingly remembers his share of propositions.

"It was never face-to-face, but I'd get phone calls at all hours," the erstwhile champion explained. "A voice would say, 'How would you like to make a million

Carl "Bobo" Olson (left with the ukulele) wasn't too impressed with Gavilan's fancy footwork when they met in the ring for Olson's middleweight title. Carl retained the crown with a 15-round decision.

Gavilan rehearses a dance routine before appearing on CBS's "Toast of the Town" show in 1953.

Gavilan and Yamile Chad are all smiles after signing a managerial contract in 1955 when Gavilan attempted a comeback after losing the welterweight title to Johnny Saxton.

dollars?' I'd answer, 'Sure, who do I have to kill?' About then the caller would usually hang up!''

The fates weren't much kinder in 1958 when Gavilan made what he thought was a permanent return to Havana. It was also time for a bearded rebel named Fidel Castro to overthrow the government of Presidente Batista.

''I had met Castro before he was big. He told me I was his 'favorite fighter,' '' The Kid remembered. ''I was surprised because one of the first things Castro did when he came into power was to take my property. He did it to everybody . . . athletes, artists, singers . . . everybody. And there were plenty of firing squads. I don't know anybody who got their property back. I had just made a long term loan with Mr. Chade, who was also a bank officer, to build a boxing gym. When Castro arrived, we were right in the middle of our plans. Nobody thought Batista would leave . . . when he did, it was tragic. I knew then that the future of Cuba would be going down and down.

''I knew I had to leave Cuba right away, but because of my mother, brothers, and sisters in Camaguey, I couldn't. The property I gave my mother was six pieces . . . apartments, a house, and land worth at least $750,000. Castro took it all. I finally got out of Cuba in 1968, first coming to Tampa before moving to Miami. My third wife, Olga Martinez, still lives in Havana where she's a school superintendent. We're not divorced, but they won't let her out. I'd need a very good reason to get back in. There's no way I'd go back to Havana now. If I did, I feel Castro would use me for everything. It would be very bad for me. The main reason Castro has survived so long is that everybody knows his brother, Raul, would be worse.''

If there's a major regret harbored by Gavilan, it's that he isn't in his prime today when million dollar plus purses are commonplace, sometimes even for fighters of mediocre ability.

''I'm sorry I didn't make much money because I'd had more to spend,'' the Kid smiled. ''My biggest purse was $125,000 when I challenged Carl (Bobo) Olson in Chicago (April 2, 1954). It was a good hard fight, but I broke my right hand in the Gil Turner fight, and it never healed properly. I also had the same problem when I lost the title to Saxton, but I covered up the injury pretty good by clowning around with the bum hand in training camp.

''The reason I didn't ask for a postpone-

ment for the Olson fight was it would take too much time. I didn't want to lose the fight altogether, even though I was champion, with that much money at stake. My second biggest purse was $84,000 when I fought Turner."

Gavilan disagrees with detractors of his famed bolo punch, the latter contending it's all for show.

"No, no, they're wrong . . . it's the best punch in all of boxing if you know how to use it. Anybody trying to use it now is just showing off," Gavilan advised. "I used to bolo on fast opponents, I called it my speed weapon as I danced around. The idea was to make my opponent turn to the right and jab . . . then I'd lean back, throwing a jab and then finishing with an uppercut."

Gavilan, who was called "The Hawk" years before Aaron Pryor was even born, has much respect for many of today's top champions and contenders, but he also notes some chinks in their makeup.

"The guys fighting today are spoiled . . . they are in there totally for the money. They don't make the same preparation in training, and they lack endurance and stamina," the exiled former warrior claims.

"I feel Teofilo Stevenson could have been a good pro, if he had jumped in after the 1972 Munich Olympics. Now it's too late. He could have been like Muhammad Ali and George Foreman, but training for the pros is different. The rounds and minutes are longer. No more is it a children's game."

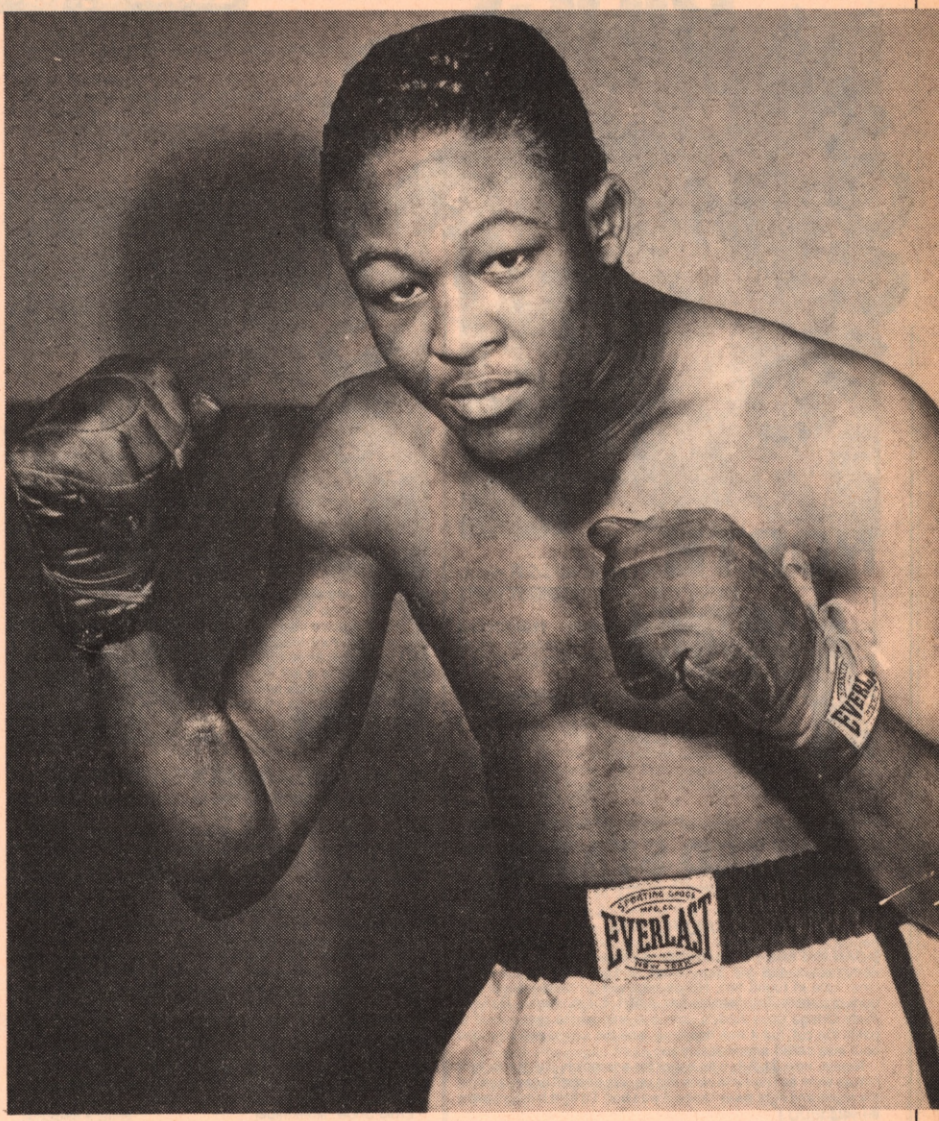
Gavilan only talks about it if pressed, but one of the milestones he is most proud of is that only three opponents ever knocked him down in 1,510 three-minute rounds as a professional.

"The first one was in my 13th fight with Pedro Ortega in the second round, June 23, 1945 in Havana. I got up to win easy," Gavilan remembers. "Next was against Ike Williams, February 27, 1948 in New York. It happened in the sixth round. I got up to lose a 10-round decision, but I beat Ike the next two times we met. The last time I was down was in the second round against Carmen Basilio at Syracuse, where I got up to win a 15-round decision, September 18, 1943."

Yamil Chade, who handled the administrative side of Gavilan's career, particularly in the early days, has often been asked how Kid Gavilan evolved from Camaguey, Cuba for that wild ride to ring immortality.

"It was in the summer of 1944 when Fernando Belido, who was Gavilan's first manager, went to see Luis Guiterrez, who had managed the great Kid Chocolate," Chade recalled. "Belido said, 'I got the future champion of the world', but Guiterrez barked, 'I got enough champions, 'I don't need any more champions.' Gavilan, who was waiting to be introduced, heard the remark and became very frustrated.

"However, Guiterrez had the featherweight champion of Cuba at the time, named Miguel Acevevo, and was offering $3 a round—a lot of money in those days—for sparring partners. Gavilan was only 18 at the time, but he told Belido, "I'd love to box with him (Acevevo).' Now this guy was a big puncher, but for three rounds, he couldn't touch Gavilan. Less than a year later, the Kid turned pro without any help from Guiterrez, and the rest is history."



Kid Gavilan in his prime. He had 143 professional fights, but was never knocked out.

Gavilan has been away from his native Cuba for 18 years, and the chances are—by inclination or circumstance—he will never return again. Yet this literal exponent of black magic in a prize ring shows no outward hatred for a dictator who confiscated family fortunes, bathed Cuba in communism, and killed Havana's economy as one of the great stops in world tourism.

"Maybe somebody should tell Castro to send me a check," Kid Gavilan slapped his knee in laughter. "Or at least a cigar . . ." □

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

Edited By Herbert G. Goldman

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▶**SAN RAFAEL—Civic Center**—It was a night of frustration for Andy Nance, 139 1/2, San Rafael, and a packed house of his fans. Late in round two, Nance received an unintentional butt from opponent Ted Michaliszyn, 140 1/4, Las Vegas. Referee Rudy Ortega gave Andy's corner a one-minute rest period to patch the cut, but it was hopeless, and the scheduled 10-round bout was called a technical draw.

Nance, now 21-2-1, was eager for a rematch. 'I'd like to fight him as soon as I can and clear this up. We bashed heads against the ropes and right away I knew it was bad. I'd fight him tomorrow if I could.'

Henry Lugo, 127 1/2, San Jose, won a unanimous decision over Frank Fazio, also 127 1/2, Mountain View, Calif., eight. Both men are now 10-2, with Lugo gaining revenge for an earlier loss to Fazio.

Steve Gutierrez, 147 1/2, Merced, Calif., won a hard fought majority decision over Jesse Flores, 147, Stockton, six.

Joe Baron, 133 1/2, Merced, and Terry Baldwin, 134, Menlo Park, Calif., drew, six.

Joe Burke Boxing Enterprises.

Attendance—1,816. Gross—$26,185.

(02-06-86)

▶**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—Improving unbeaten Rigo Lopez, 153, El Cajon, knocked out Noe Ramirez, 152, Seattle, in 1:14 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Lopez (13-0) floored the Washington journeyman with a crushing overhand right. Fritz Werner, referee.

1984 Olympic trials runner-up David Gutierrez, 146½, San Diego, continued his pro education with a near shutout unanimous verdict over experienced Roberto Collins Lindo, 146, Los Angeles, eight. Scoring: referee Pat Russell, 79-74; judge Hal Rickards, 80-72; judge Werner, 78-75.

Zach Bolden, 162, Compton, overpowered comebacking Dave Lopez, 165, Spring Valley, in 3:00 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Lopez, the older brother of main eventer Rigo, was floored in the first and in the fifth. Russell, referee.

Joe Motton, 156, San Diego, and Drafton Bunch, 160, San Diego, fought to a technical draw in 1:26 of the third round in a scheduled four. Unlucky Bunch floored Motton with a right uppercut, but Motton suffered a fight-ending cut over his left eye when he fell on Bunch's knee on the way to the canvas. Russell, referee.

Pro debutants Joe Hernandez, 120½, Escondido, and Hilario Aguilar, 123½, Solano Beach, drew, four. Scoring: referee Werner, 40-36, Hernandez; judge Russell, 39-37, Aguilar; judge Rickards, 38-38.

Dr. William Lundeen, ringside physician.

Mike Millsap, timekeeper.

Tom Kelly, ring announcer.

Mike Altinger, promoter.

(02-20-86)

▶**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel**—Former WBC super bantamweight champion Jaime Garza, 124, Pacoma, returned to the ring for the first time since his shocking first round title defense knockout loss to Juan (Kid) Mesa in November, 1984, with a third round TKO over Arnal Arrozal, 124, Portland. Arnal received a standing eight-count after a left hook to the ribs paralyzed him from the waist down. Seconds later an unanswered barrage of punches forced referee Chuck Hassett to intervene at 2:13 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Unbeaten prospect Genaro Hernandez, 133, Los Angeles, TKO'd previously unbeaten Terry Baldwin, 132½, San Jose, at 1:13 of the second in a scheduled six. Referee Robert Byrd stopped the fight when Baldwin was cut over the right eye.

Greg Puente, 128, El Monte, and Tony Guido, 130½, Los Angeles, fought to a disputed technical draw in 2:33 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Puente dominated, but referee Byrd determined that a fight-ending injury to Guido's left eye was caused by a head butt.

Popular Tony Paisson, 160, Pasadena, briefly staggered for a standing eight-count in the first, recovered to stop Ruben Blackwell, 159, Los Angeles, at 2:04 of the third round in a scheduled four. Blackwell, under pressure throughout, was floored in the second. Byrd, referee.

Floyd Weaver, 153, Diamond Bar, unanimously outscored Roderick Starks, 152, Anaheim, in a slow four. Hassett, referee.

David Yonko, 238, Long Beach, TKO'd Pierre Marchand, 213½, San Diego, at 0:54 of the third round in a scheduled four, officially because of a cut left eye; Yonko was well in charge. Hassett, referee.

Gerardo Nava, 140, Anaheim, unanimously outpointed game Billy Betts, 138½, Paso Robles, four. Scoring: referee Byrd, 40-36; judge Hassett, 40-36; judge Gwen Farrell, 39-36.

Dr. Michael DeLuca, ringside physician.

Ernie Snow, timekeeper.

Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.

Don Fraser, promoter.

(02-24-86)

▶**RESEDA—Country Club**—Dee Collier, 212, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Mark Wills, 220, Los Angeles, 12, to win the vacant California heavyweight championship. Collier had the favored Wills hurt and reeling in the eighth, but most of the rounds were close and competitive. Scoring: referee Pat Connolly, 115-114; judge Dick Young, 115-113; judge Rudy Jordan, 117-112.

Lamart Baker, 129½, Las Vegas, won a surprisingly close six-round split decision over Gabe Lira, 129, El Monte. Baker generally outworked the slower Lira. Scoring: referee Connolly, 58-56, Baker; judge Young, 59-55, Baker; judge Jordan, 58-57, Lira.

Alex Madrid, 125½, San Diego, was cut and floored by a left uppercut early in the first before recovering to unanimously outpoint puncher Lonnie Bryant, 125, San Diego, in an excellent six. Scoring: referee Jordan, 58-55; judge Young, 58-54; judge Connolly, 58-55.

Prospects Jerry Grant, 141, San Diego, and Ernie Nava, 139, Hawaiian Gardens, drew, four, all three officials scoring 38-38. Jordan, referee.

Bruce Pearson, 135, Los Angeles, won a split verdict over Victor Moreno, 136, Van Nuys, in a four between two first time pros. Moreno made it close by flooring Pearson in the second. Scoring: referee Jordan, 38-37, Moreno; judge Connolly, 39-37, Pearson; judge Young, 38-37, Pearson.

Carlton Brooks, 146½, Los Angeles, stopped Randy McGuire, 146½, Los Angeles, at 1:33 of the first round in a scheduled four. Brooks floored McGuire twice with left hooks. Jordan, referee.

Dr. Robert Karns, ringside physician.

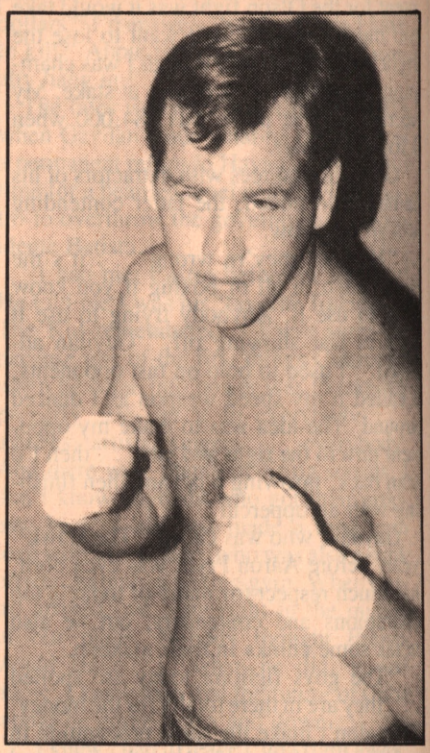
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.

Jimmy Lennon, ring announcer.

Victor French, Dan Goossen, promoters.

(02-26-86)

CHRISTOPHER COATS



Jerry (Wimpy) Halstead, who bills himself as the "Mouth of the South," outpointed Larry Frazier over 10 dull rounds at the Bakersfield Civic Auditorium.

▶**BAKERSFIELD—Civic Auditorium**—A very heavy Ruben Castillo, 139, Bakersfield, used his edge in experience to unanimously outpoint Martin Morado, 134, San Diego, 10. Scoring: referee Marty Denkin, 100-90; judge Lou Moret, 100-90; judge Raul Caiz, 98-92.

Jerry (Wimpy) Halstead, 216, Midwest City, Oklahoma, unanimously outscored Larry Frazier, 245, Bakersfield, in a dull 10. Frazier fought without ambition. Scoring: referee Denkin, 98-92; judge Caiz, 98-92; judge Moret, 99-91.

Unbeaten Rigo Lopez, 144, El Cajon, rallied in the final rounds to win a majority 10-round decision over Juan Carlos Alvarado, 146, Los Angeles. Scoring: referee Moret, 96-94; judge Caiz, 96-94; judge Denkin, 95-95.

Greg Ortega, 134½, West Covina, kayoed Jorge Cabrera, 137, Los Angeles, referee Moret counting out Cabrera at 0:47 of the third round in a scheduled four. Ortega lost the first two rounds, then flattened Cabrera with a right to the chin in the third.

Jorge Cazares, 133, Blythe, won a split decision over Hector Lizarraga, 129½, Fresno, in a six-round war. A left hook floored Lizarraga in the fourth. Scoring: referee Moret, 58-56; Cazares; judge Denkin, 58-55, Cazares; judge Caiz, 57-56, Lizarraga.

Gilbert Baptist, 154¾, San Diego, unanimously outpointed Drafton Bunch, 155¾, San Diego, all three officials scoring 60-54. Denkin, referee.

Bruce Sewell, 150, Albuquerque, was surprisingly held to a four-round draw by Ray Taylor, 147, San Diego. Scoring: referee Moret, 38-38; judge Denkin, 38-38; judge Caiz, 39-37, Taylor.

Dr. Michael Tivnon, ringside physician.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.

Bill Manders, ring announcer.

Thad Spencer, Fred Wright, promoters.

(03-04-86)

▶**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Lindell Holmes, 158½, Detroit, retained his Forum middleweight championship when challenger Brian Muller, 158¾, Las Vegas, went down on one knee to be counted out by referee Rudy Jordan at 1:17 of the 10th round in a scheduled 12. Muller was blinded and in obvious pain from a cut inside the left eyelid. USBA super middleweight title holder Holmes (29-4) also floored the Guyana champion in the first and was just too strong for an opponent who naturally fights as a junior middleweight. Scoring through nine: referee Jordan, 88-83; judge Pat Connolly, 89-82; judge Lou Moret, 88-82.

Frankie Duarte, 118, Venice, unanimously outpointed Mike Moreno, 118, Tucson, in a memorable 10 rewarded by a shower of coins and a long standing ovation from appreciative ringsiders. The win advanced Duarte to the semi-finals of the Forum bantamweight tournament. Comebacking Duarte (37-6-1) amazingly outgamed the younger and quicker Moreno in an all-action contest with non-stop exchanges in every round. The scores of referee Connolly (97-94) and judges Moret (97-92) and Kenny Davis (99-90) were definitely too one-sided.

George Garcia, 118, Westminster, also advanced in the Forum bantamweight tournament by winning a unanimous 10-round decision over southpaw Mario Gomez, 117¾, Nuevo Laredo.

The clever Garcia (24-3-2) was always in command. Scoring: referee Davis, 99-91; judge Moret, 100-90; judge Connolly, 100-91.

Unbeaten Steve Darnell, 160¾, Livonia, Michigan, controversially stopped Jon Michael Roy, 161, San Bernardino, in just 2:05 of the first round in a scheduled six-round show closer. Roy had been stunned early in the round, but he was beginning to recover when referee Davis surprisingly intervened.

South American amateur star Miguel Murillo, 175, San Diego, kayoed kick-boxing champion Don Wilson, 175, Beverly Hills, in 0:22 of the second in a scheduled six. Wilson was floored and saved by the bell in the first. Moret, referee.

Carlton Brooks, 143, Los Angeles, was a clear unanimous points winner over previously unbeaten Mark Quickley, 147¼, Pasadena, four. Connolly, referee.

Quickley's stablemate, Antoine Byrd, 155, Pomona, also lost his perfect record when hard working Gil Baptist, 155, San Diego, won the fourth and final round and a majority decision. Scoring: referee Moret, 39-38; judge Davis, 39-37; judge Connolly, 38-38.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer.
Jerry Buss, promoter.
(03-17-86)

DEAN LOHUIS

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

▶**WASHINGTON—Convention Center**—Darryl Tyson, 134½, Washington, D.C. retained his Continental Americas lightweight title with a unanimous decision over Freddie Roach, 135, Las Vegas, 12.

Tyson won most of the rounds but did not take command until the ninth, when Roach abandoned his steady body attack and Darryl was able to rip home big shots to the head. Scoring: Toni Johnson, 119-111; Frank Lashley, 120-111; Stevens, 118-110. Harry Ceccini, referee.

Tommy Ayers, 150, Cincinnati, won a lopsided unanimous decision over cautious Leland Hart, also 150, Atlanta, Ga., 10. Hart was floored in rounds two and six.

Carlo Cartajena, 134, New York, won an upset decision over Jocko King, also 134, Washington, D.C., eight.

Jose Ortiz, 148, Washington, D.C., TKO'd Ray Bright, New Haven, Conn., in 2:22 of the second round in a scheduled four.

Referees—Harry Ceccini, Frank Kelly.
Timekeeper—Andre Davis.
Knockdown Timer—Fred Lumpkin.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
Ringside Physicians—Major Gladden, Lawrence Manning.
Int. Promoters Group. Matchmaker—Don Elbaum.
(03-01-86)

JOHN SCHEINMAN

FLORIDA

▶**FT. LAUDERDALE—Galt Ocean Hotel**—Brian Brunette, 145, St. Paul, Minn., knocked out Lalo Jiminez, 148, Mexico, with a sharp left hook to the chin in 1:22 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Bernie Soto, referee. Brunette is now 22-0 with 17 kayoes.

Uriah Grant, 179, Nassau, Bahamas, scored two knockdowns on the way to a TKO win over Reggie Neal, 176, Ft. Lauderdale, at 2:08 of the first round. Bill Connors, referee.

Lorenzo Guzman, 149, Santo Domingo, won a unanimous decision over George Lee, also 149, Miami. Bill Connors, referee.

Desmond Fingers, 190, Delray Beach, TKO'd Reuben Moss, 195, Detroit, at 1:25 of the second round in a scheduled four. Harry Brennan, referee.

Larry Guthrie, 170, Miami, TKO'd Agan Roberts, 170, Trinidad, at 2:37 of the first round in their slated four. Bernie Soto, referee.

Francisco Martinez, 140, Miami Beach, won a unanimous decision over Billy Wooten, 141, Miami, four. Bill Connors, referee.

Mark Brawood, 139, Hallandale, came off the canvas in round one to win a split decision over Robert Mosley, 142 1/2, Trinidad, four. Harry Brennan, referee.

Duran Boxing Corp./Chris Dundee Enterprises.
Matchmaker—Buddy Gilbert.
Attendance—1,200 (estimated).
(01-31-86)

▶**TAMPA—Egypt Temple Shrine**—James Salerno, 177, Tampa, won a unanimous decision over Eric Holley, 173 1/2, Tampa, 10. The scores were 99-91, 100-92, and 100-92. Salerno is now 34-6 with 22 kayoes. Holley is 14-1.

Bernard Gray, 131, Tampa, won a unamimous (all cards 79-71) decision over southpaw Carlos Albuerne, 133 1/2, Miami, eight. Gray is now 16-0 with 11 kayoes. Albuerne is 14-15-3.

Robert Shannon, 120, Edmonds, Wash. and Karry Allen, 121, Tampa, drew, eight. Scoring: Pete Valiente, 78-76, Shannon; Darrell Brown, 77-76, Allen; Wilson Robinson, 77-77. Shannon is now 11-0-2. Allen is 6-1-2.

Terry Anderson, 212 1/2, Tampa, TKO'd Mark Young, 211, Charlotte, N.C., at 1:49 of round three. Brian Garry, referee. Anderson is now 10-0 with nine kaypoes. Young is 17-9.

Jose Angulo, 149, Tampa, TKO'd Phil McCoy, 154, Charlotte, N.C., at 1:22 of the first round. Angulo is now 23-4. McCoy is 10-8-1.

Marshall Washington, 150, Jacksonville, Fla., and Harold Williams, 154 1/2, Miami, Fla., drew, four. Scoring: Pete Valiente, 39-38, Washington is now 5-4-1. Williams is 2-4-1.

Guy Sonnenberg, 179 1/2, St. Petersburg, knocked out Calvin Jones, 179, Miami, with a big left hook in 1:11 of round one. Sonnenberg is now 5-0-2. Jones, who had not fought in over two years, is 1-2.

Referees—Brian Garry, Max Parker, Jr., Mike Boggs.
Timekeeper—Billy Herold.
Knockdown Timer—Dick Howroyd.
Ringside Physicians—Donald Mellman, Marcus Lorenzo, Jack Guggino.
Alessi Promotions.
Matchmakers—Brad Jacobs, Chuck Covello.
Attendance—1,096.
USA Cable Television Network.
TV Announcers—Al Albert, Randy Gordon.
(03-19-86)

Bernard Taylor TKO'd Angel Levi Mayor in his first start since his loss to Barry McGuigan.

▶**HOLLYWOOD—Diplomat Hotel**—Bernard Taylor, 128, Knoxville, Tenn., in his first bout since his loss to Barry McGuigan last September, TKO'd Angel Levi Mayor, 127, Venezuela, at 1:10 of the 10th and final round. Eddie Eckert, referee. Taylor is now 34-1-1. Mayor is 22-4.

Junior Edmond, 172 3/4, Newark, N.J., TKO'd Jeff McCracken, 173 1/2, Chicago, who suffered a badly cut eye in the fourth round and failed to answer the bell for seventh. Bernie Soto, referee.

J.T. Thomas, 156 1/2, Ft. Lauderdale, won a unanimous decision over Barry Audia, also 156 1/2, Knoxville, 10. Harry Brennan, referee.

Mark Korbus, 124 1/2, South Africa, TKO'd Orlando Sosa, 121 1/2, Miami, at 1:32 of the fifth round in a slated six. Bernie Soto, referee.

Dave Sullivan, 158 1/2, Boston, Mass., won a unanimous decision over Richard Smith, 161, West Palm Beach, four. Harry Brennan, referee.

Ringside Events.
Matchmaker—Lou Barsky. Attendance—2,350.
(02-24-86)

▶**TAMPA—Jefferson High School**—Harvey Hester, 142 1/2, Tampa, won a unanimous decision over Joey Soler, 143, Elizabeth, N.J., eight.

Bernard Gray, 131, Tampa, TKO'd Mike Huckabee, 132, Spartanburg, S.C., who failed to answer the bell for round two.

K.P. Porter, 208 1/2, Tampa, won a unanimous decision over Mike Cohen, 209, Hilton Head, S.C., six.

Chris Rizzo, 141 1/2, St. Petersburg, Fla., won a unanimous decision over Mike Howard, 141, Greenville, S.C., six.

Terry Anderson, 211, TKO'd Lucius Kirkley, 280, Daytona Beach, Fla., who failed to answer the bell for the fourth round.

Dale Robinson, 156, St. Petersburg, Fla., TKO'd George Lee, 159, Miami, at 2:06 of the first round.

Guy Sonnenberg, 177, St. Petersburg, TKO'd Craig Childress, 173 1/2, Greenville, S.C., at 2:39 of round three.

Wayne Feagin, 126, Orlando, Fla., TKO'd Collen Tomlinson, 123, Pensacola, Fla., at 1:25 of the first.

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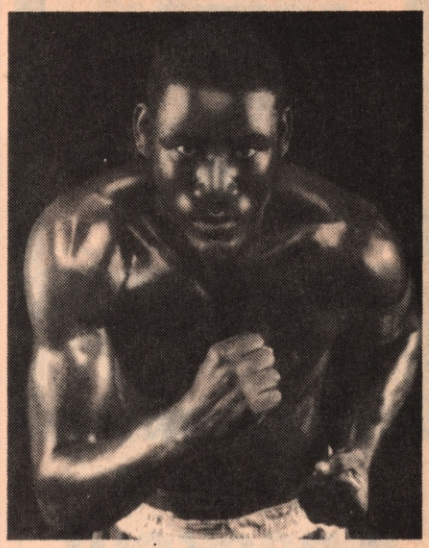

Jose Ribalta knocked out Al Houck in the third round in Coconut Grove.

▶**COCONUT GROVE—Auditorium**—Jose Ribalta, 222, Miami, knocked out Al Houck, 216, Minneapolis with a long left hook in 0:42 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Bill Connors, referee.

Mario Miranda, 139, Colombia, TKO'd James Lyons, 146, 1/2, Philadelphia, at 1:00 of the second in their scheduled 10-rounder. Eddie Eckert, referee.

Cleo Garcia, 133, Nicaragua, TKO'd Ruben Herasme, 134, Miami, at 1:18 of the sixth and final session. Bernie Soto, referee.

Francisco Martinez, 143, Dominican Republic, TKO'd Johnny Rodriguez, 139, Puerto Rico, at 2:28 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder. Bill Connors, referee.

David Burrows, 165, Barbados, West Indies, TKO'd Sonny Jones, 155, Miami, at 0:43 of the fourth round in their slated six. Eddie Eckert, referee.

Mauricio Rodriguez, 150, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Clinton Mack, 149, Miami, six. Eddie Eckert, referee.

Gary Peters, 202, Ft. Lauderdale, TKO'd John James Atkins, 195, Homestead, at 2:35 of the first round in a scheduled four. Bill Connors, referee.

WBC lightweight champion Hector (Macho) Camacho staged an exhibition *sans* head gear. He went two rounds with female boxer Graciela Casillas of Los Angeles, one round with Emilio Diaz, and one with Cocoa Sanchez.

Judges—Al Walensky, Ed Levine, Norm Shatner, Rickk Bayes.
Timekeeper—Sam Guralnik.
Ring Announcer—Frank Freeman.
Ringside Physician—Theodore Struhl, M.D.
Duran Boxing Corp./Chris Dundee Enterprises.
Attendance—800 (estimated).
(03-04-86)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

ILLINOIS

▶**CHICAGO—DiVinci Manor**—Popular local favorite Lenny La Paglia, 163, TKO'd journeyman Clint Longmire, 164, Youngstown, Ohio, at 1:31 of the fourth round in the scheduled eight-round main event. La Paglia, now 24-4, looks to have regained his old form. Longmire is now 13-12. Stanley Berg, referee.

Louie Lomelli, 136, upped his record to 9-0 by stopping Angel Rodriguez, 140, Chicago, at 1:50 of the sixth and final round. Stanley Berg, referee.

Jeff Lanas, 161, Chicago, kayoed Ken Helflin, 165, Louisville, in 2:53 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Nate Morgan, referee.

Jeff McWhorter, 143, Chicago, TKO'd J.C. Camell, Jr., 144, Chicago, at 2:28 of the second round in a scheduled six. Stanley Berg, referee.

Jim Finn, 212, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Tim Fryerson, 226, Lafayette, Ind., in a four-round slugfest. Nate Morgan, referee.

Bob Hitz, 221, Chicago, won a split four-round decision over Joe Evans, 187, Aurora. Stanley Berg, referee.

Norbuerto Bueno, 154, Guerrono, Mexico, TKO'd Ron Lewis, 154, Benton Harbor, Michigan, at 1:38 of the third round in a scheduled four. Nate Morgan, referee.

Judges—William Lerch, Collins Brown, Jerry Jakubco, Jim Labell.
Timekeeper—Ken Kinsch.
Ring Announcer—Angelo Buscaglia.
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▶**METAIRIE—Landmark Hotel**—Darren Von Horn, 157, Morgan City, La., TKO'd Norberto Sabater, 162, Brooklyn, New York, at 2:00 of the second.

John Duplessis, 138 3/4, New Orleans, won a unanimous decision over Joey Soler, 143, Elizabeth, N.J., eight.

Paul Whitaker, 160, Metairie, TKO'd Lee Sanders, 159 1/2, Lake Charles, La., at 2:16 of round six.

Dale Robinson, 154 1/2, St. Petersburg, kayoed William Clayton, 156, New Orleans, in 1:25 of round two.

Rene Resto, 128 1/2, Brooklyn, won a unanimous decision over Darren Neal, 128 1/4, Port Arthur, Texas, six.

Guy Sonnenberg, 176, St. Petersburg, and Tony Orville, 178, Port Arthur, drew, four.

Gerald Willaims, 160, New Orleans, and Renny Davis, 164 1/2, Houma, La., drew, four.

Alessi Promotions/Leslie Bonano.
(03-06-86)

MASSACHUSETTS

▶**DORCHESTER—Freeport Hall**—The presence of Sean Mannion, of South Boston via Rosmuc of the Auld Sod, in the main event assured this St. Patrick's Day weekend program of success at the gate.

Mannion, a pudgy 165, didn't lose a round against Wesley Reid, 167, Long Island, New York, eight. Referee Tommy Collins carded 80-73, judge Vincent Lee had it 80-74, and judge John Costello tallied 80-78. Mannion is now 35-6-1. Reid is 5-3-1.

Juan Quintana, 212, Springfield, Mass., belabored Jack DeBenedetto, 210, Cambridge, Mass., with a fearsome body attack in the six-round semi-final, but the official verdict was a "unanimous draw." Most ringsiders were thinking in terms of a Quintana shutout.

John (Little Red) Shea, 132, Boston, TKO'd Jose Ortiz, 130, Lowell, at 1:50 of the second in their scheduled four-rounder. Shea is now 6-0 in the pro ranks.

Bert Burgos, 152, Boston, stopped Paulino Falcone, 150, Springfield, at 2:25 of the first round in their scheduled four.

George (Kid) Duran, Martinez, 133, Boston, outscored David Alers, 130, Boston, four.

Mike Bonislawski, 161, outpointed Julio Mercado, 159, Boston, in the torrid four-round opener.

Referees—Tommy Collins worked the main event, Martinez-Alers, and Bonislawski-Mercado. Nick Previti referred the other three bouts.

Judges—Vincent Lee, John Costello.
Timekeeper—William Marinelli.
Ringside Physician—Dr. A.P. Bloomenthal.
Farrell Boxing Club.
Attendance—850. Gross—$8,500.
(03-15-86)

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NEVADA

▶**LAS VEGAS—Sahara**—Irleis (Cubanito) Perez, fighting as a junior welterweight, only wanted a solid workout. He got that and a little more in his last start at the Sahara Hotel-Casino.

The 27-year-old Perez also moved closer to a showdown with International Boxing Federation lightweight champion Jimmy Paul after winning a unanimous 10-round decision over Martin Quiroz in Tuesday's Top Rank main event in the Space Center.

Bob Arum, Top Rank's board chairman, is eyeing June for a Paul-Perez 15-round title bout with either Las Vegas or Reno as the site. Paul, from the Kronk Gym in Detroit, has been training over a month at the Riverside Hotel-Casino in Laughlin, Nev.

Perez, 139½, improved his credentials to 32-1, 24 kayoes, but had to get off the canvas in the third round to make it happen. The Mexican-born Quiroz, 138½, now fighting out of San Jose, Ca., delivered an overhand right flush on the jaw, dropping Perez for the second time in his eight-year career.

Risng at the count of five from referee Jim Molinell, Perez took the mandatory eight count. Strangely, Quiroz never pressed the advantage, giving "Cubanito" 30 seconds to clear his head before he lunged to throw another punch.

Perez was never in trouble again, using sharp combinations, and solid rights to shake up his rival. However, he was unable to even up the knockdown against Quiroz, whose reported record fell to 27-6-2 with 21 kayoes.

"I feel good about this fight because I needed the work, but I was a little sluggish," Perez admitted. "The knockdown surprised me, but I wasn't hurt. Quiroz's right was hard to block because he throws it overhand. I didn't know his style, and it was tough to get a clean shot because he kept his chin down. I took him for granted, but I'll never do that again with any opponent."

Making his first start in six months, Roman George, 147, Lafayette, La., returned to Las Vegas and was fully extended in winning a 10-round split decision over 19-year old Javier Suazo, 148, Tucson, Ariz.

There were no knockdowns, but the rivals engaged in furious exchanges at mid-ring and along the ropes. The 25-year-old George was highly effective when he stayed at long range to spear the lunging Suazo, but the latter was always dangerous with thunderous right hands.

George raised his record to 17-1-1, 9 kayoes while Suazo, who is still in high school, lost for the first time since his pro debut, running off 14 straight wins in between.

There were four six-round bouts, highlighted by Joe Belinc, 140, Marysville, Wa., improving his log to 11-0, 5 kayoes with a unanimous decision over Art Lazarraga, 140, San Bernardino, Calif., who is now 3-5.

In the surprise of the night, Danny Garcia, 124½, Los Angeles, held undefeated Robert Shannon, 123, Edmond, Wash., to a draw. Shannon is now 11-0-1, with five kayoes. Garcia, subbing for ailing Gus Lopez, has a dubious 3-0 reading.

David Vedder, 170½, San Jose, Calif., outmauled "Lightning Bob" Smith, 5, Las Vegas, avenging their draw last year. Vedder is now 6-3-1, Smith 5-3-2, 4 kayoes. Al Gonzalez, 125½, Los Angeles, unanimously decisioned Sidney Wright, 125½, Las Vegas for a 3-1-1 record. Wright is 1-1
(01-12-86)

▶**LAS VEGAS—Sahara**—If fight manager Billy Baxter hadn't got the good news on Tuesday, it's possible he might not have gone to the Sahara Hotel-Casino to get the bad news on that Wednesday night in March when his earstwhile prize, Roger Mayweather, went tumbling down the ladder.

Coming in, Baxter probably has rarely felt better, having been on the plus side of a federal court ruling that the Internal Revenue Service owed him a $176,000 refunds, declaring he is indeed among the legally self-employed as a high-stakes poker player.

Going out, the gift from Augusta, Georgia to Nevada gaming must have felt it was indeed ironic that his card specialty was low-ball. As a fight pilot, the 45-year-old Baxter could have hardly felt lower when unsung Fred Pendleton, a Philadelphian now fighting out of Miami, came to town as a substitute and chilled Mayweather in the sixth round of a Top Rank/ESPN 10-round main event.

The 22-year old Pendleton, filling in for virus-stricken Sheldon LeBlanc of Lafayette, Louisiana, was a 5-1 underdog against the former World Boxing Association junior lightweight champion who moved to Las Vegas five years ago from his native Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The odds looked correct, considering Pendleton's record was a deceptive 14-13-1 with six kayoes since late 1981. And Mel Greb, Top Rank's Nevada matchmaker, took some heat for putting the youngster in with Mayweather, 136, who was still in the Top Ten of many ratings off his 23-3, 14 kayoes ledger.

Pendleton, 135¼, didn't just beat the more experienced Mayweather. He didn't just knockout the former champ with a lucky punch. What Fearless Freddie did was push Roger all the way back into the sport's growing echelon of also-rans. Look around today and you won't find Mayweather in the top 25 of anybody's ratings.

Though leading on all scorecards, Mayweather began to tire badly in the fifth round. Sensing the delation, Pendleton put the pressure on, and in the sixth, Fred was right on the money with three quick right-left combinations to the jaw. Roger was falling off the ropes on his left side when he took the final right, and was unconscious before he hit the canvas. Referee Carlos Padilla counted him out at 54 seconds of the round.

Mayweather had looked very ordinary and exhausted in decisioning Walter Sims of Los Angeles at the Sahara, January 15. And when word got around that Pendleton took a hurry-up nontitle bout with Jimmy Paul, the International Boxing Federation 135-pound king, last November in Atlantic City, the smart bettors loved the odds. The 10-round decision was not only close, but according to Top Rank's Teddy Brenner, read 5-5, 5-4-1, and 6-3-1 for Paul, the margin coming on a slip that was ruled a knockdown against Pendleton.

Pendleton seems to have turned his career around under the new management of Ed Gersh, a wealthy New York realtor, who doesn't let his fighter worry about the rent, and trainer Larry Kent, who energizes Fred's motivation.

Baxter, after holding a private session with Mayweather in his dressing room, summed it up succinctly for the media: "If you don't train, you can't fight."

Donald Caples, 130½, Houston, Texas, built up an early lead and then held off the late rush of Andy Minsker, 130¼, Milwaukie, Ore., to gain a split 10-round decision in the semi-windup. Judges Dalby Shirley and Jerry Roth both tabbed it 96-94 for Caples while Hal Miller voted for Minsker, 97-94.

Caples improved his record to 13-1-1, with four knockouts. Minsker, going 10 rounds for the first time, dipped to 9-1, with three kayoes.

Steve McCrory, 120, Detroit, Michigan, had an easy time with overmatched Ralph Guitterez, 119½, East Los Angeles, winning a 10-round decision to improve his credentials to 11-0-1, 3 kayoes. Guitterez fell to 10-7-3 with 5 knockouts.

John Munduga, 147¾, Tampa, Florida, had too much skill for game Gary Williams, 146¾, Pomona, Calif., finally knocking him out at 2:35 in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-rounder. Munduga picked up his 18th kayo in boosting his ledger to 24-0. Wiliams drops to 11-2, 7 kayoes.

In two ESPN western regional semi-finals among featherweights, Gil Davila, 118, Pomona, Calif., (12-0-1, 5 kayoes) decisioned Luis Hernandez, 117, Redlands, Calif., (9-4, 4 kayoes), and Darryl Thigpen, 119, Los Angeles, scored a close victory over Larry Gary, 117¾, Phoenix, Ariz. (17-4-1, 4 kayoes). Both bouts were scheduled eight-rounders.
(03-12-86)

▶**LAS VEGAS—Showboat**—Greg Haugen felt the biggest disappointment of his young boxing career in his last local outing, but the rising 25-year-old lightweight didn't let it bump him off the victory trail.

The undefeated pride of Auburn, Washington came up to a recent assignment at the Showboat Hotel-Casino in March with an attitude: "America today, tomorrow the world."

And rightly so, considering Haugen was scheduled to meet Edwin Curet of Brockton, Mass., for the vacant North American Boxing Federation 135-pound crown over 12-rounds, or less.

It was the idea of March for Haugen, and Top Rank/ESPN's TV main event proved much less as Curet was stricken with a 24-hour virus on the eve of the fight, and was taken off the card.

Haugen wound up with a 10-round decision over Ken Willis of Bridgeport, Connecticut, who actually turned out to be a substitute for the substitute. When the Nevada State Athletic Commission ruled Curet (20-4-2, 9 kayoes) out, Mel Greeb, Top Rank's Nevada matchmaker, heated up the long distance lines.

First, Greb lined up David Taylor (12-4-3) in Atlanta, and he appeared acceptable until he told Mell he "weighed 144 and would need a sauna when I get to Vegas." Greb promptly told the southerner to "stay at home because there's no way Haugen will spot anybody 10 points."

Greb wound up with Willis, who had been working out locally with Terrence Alli of New york, for the latter's TV date with Cornelius Boza-Edwards four days later at the Sahara Hotel-Casino.

When Willis' record was announced as 4-14-6, eyebrows raised and there was ringside scurrying for individual bets on just how long it would take Haugen to stiffen the easterner.

In a mild surprise, Willis, an unorthodox fighter operating behind a "peek-a-boo" defense, was still standing at the final bell as Haugen extended his ledger to 16-0-1 (9). Bobbing, weaving, and crowding, Willis was a difficult target for Haugen to hit. And after one of Greg's chopping right hands on the top of Willis' head, Haugen wound up with a badly bruised right knuckle in the third round.

Greb immediately announced a rescheduling of Haugen-Curet for the NABF title for Tuesday, April 22, but you may not see the results on these pages . . . at least not with that tentative booking.

Haugen, who had to stuff himself at the dinner table to make 138¾ while Willis came in at 140½, declared "I'll fight Curet, but not in April."

"Actually, I don't want to fight Curet at all, since he pulled out of the fight, and I don't think he deserves a second chance," Haugen said. "I don't think he was sick, I think he was a little overweight and a little scared. If it had been anybody else, but the Petronellis (Pat and Goody, who handle Curet), the commission would have fined them."

"I don't need an excuse for not fighting Curet in April, because my right knuckle is swollen and turning blue. It happened when I caught Willis on the jaw with the point of the knuckle. I felt the pain all the way up my arm. I give Willis credit. He was tough, he was a survivor, and very difficult to fight. I trained hard for a righthander (Curet) and they give me a southpaw (Willis) in a matter of hours. I was a little lackadaisical before the postponement and had a hard time getting into the fight. I need some time off, so you probably won't see me again until late May."

In a 10-round semi-windup, Hurley Snead, 120, the United States Boxing Association bantamweight champion from Detroit, did everything to Hector Cortez, 122, Huntington Park, Calif., but knock him out for a lopsided decision. Snead improved his record to 27-1, 17 kayoes, while the veteran Cortez fell to 38-12-3, 19 kayoes.

Francisco Segura, 125½, Pomona, California, boosted his log to 10-0, 9 kayoes, with a unanimous eight-round decision over Juan Cantu, 125¾, Oxnard, California, who slipped to 8-1, 4 kayoes.

Hector Lopez, 125, Glendale, Calif., outslicked tough Frank Fazio, 125¾, Mountain View, Calif., in the second eight-round of the Western Regional ESPN featherweight semi-finals. Lopez is now 9-0, 4 kayoes, while Fazio skidded to 9-3, 2 kayoes.

Cedric Parsons, 191½, Brockton, Mass., gained a TKO victory when David Taufoou, 188, San Jose, Calif., could not come out for the fourth round of a scheduled six because of a bad cut over his left eye. Parsons moves to 13-3, 5 kayoes. Taufoou trips to 7-2 with three knockouts.

Anthony Jones, 139½, Detroit, Michingan, won his seventh straight as a pro with a unanimous six-round decision over Stuart Baynes, 140½, Pasadena, Calif.
(03-27-86)

JACK WELSH

NEW JERSEY

▶**ORANGE—Our Lady of the Valley Arena**—Pat Prisco, 157 1/2, Madison, N.J., won a shutout (all three cards 8-0) unanimous decision over Ron Malek, 153, Wichita, Kansas, eight. Prisco is now 15-1-1.

Jimmy Magnifico, 131 1/2, Hackensack, N.J., won a majority decision over Sammy Ruiz, 125 1/2, Monticello, New York, eight. The scores were 5-3 (twice) and 4-4.

William (Bo) James, 153 1/4, Newark, won a unanimnus decision over Bernard Jones, also 153 1/4, four.

Jean Pierre Vassau, 173 1/2, Morristown, N.J., went to 3-0 in the pro ranks with a first round TKO over Bobby Cornish, 172, Piqua, Ohio. A left hook dropped Cornish, and the referee stepped in when Bobby arose, wobbly, at 1:29.

Clarence Coleman, 146 1/2, Newark, TKO'd game but outgunned Tony Corrado, 147 1/2, Beacon, New York, at 1:37 of the third round in a slated six. Coleman is now 8-0-1.

John Elmore, 178 1/2, Newark, won a unanimous decision over former New Jersey State middleweight champion Reggie Amin Muhammad, 172, Newark, six.

Referees—Frank Cappuccino, Rudy Battle.
Judges—Rocky Castellani, Phil Newman, Ron Burns.
Ring Star Promotions.
Matchmaker—Don Elbaum.
(02-21-86)

S.M. FELDMAN

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Casino Hotel**—Reggie Gross, 212, Baltimore, shocked the slumping Joe Frazier stable by halting nephew "Smokin' " Bert Cooper, 200, Philadelphia, at 1:24 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Turning a new twist to an old maxim, Reggie showed that, at least against muscular, physical sluggers, the best offense is a good defense. Gross barely won a round of the first seven on the officials' cards, as he covered up on the ropes, and provided the kind of "opposition" one normally gets from the heavy bag. Cooper couldn't resist, and chopped away at arms, elbows, and gloves, as well as the point-scoring areas.

But all the belaboring turned Bert's arms to lead, and Reggie began to sneak into the fight with crunching, inside left hooks. Going into the eighth, the weakened Cooper had become a knight with neither sword nor shield. A left hook spun him around, and he careened away in full flight, with Gross lumbering in pursuit. With the ropes cutting off his escape, the stricken fighter faced the crowd, grimacing as if from an injured eye, while Reggie took swipes at the back of his head. Ref Rudy Battle interrupted the almost wrestling-style mayhem, then ruled a TKO when Cooper informed him he couldn't continue.

After jumping from Don King to Bob Arum, the inactive Dwight Davison, 160¾, Detroit, expected the inside track to a title shot. Instead, he got derailed by Charlie Boston, 161¾, Trenton, and some bad judging—losing a unanimous decision in an eight neither deserved to win. The bout started slowly. Davison trudging forward, a rueful expression on his face—selecting his punches like he was picking peaches, and looking like he'd rather be elsewhere. The southpaw Boston was also tentative, getting into trouble in the third and then dramatically slingshotting Dwight to the floor in the sixth, as Davison tried a lazy right to the body and was met by a right hook counter. But Charlie failed to solidify a convincing win. A right uppercut hurt him in the seventh, and he turned runner—being soundly thrashed to the final bell, only to be awarded an undeserved decision. Lynne Carter voted 4-3-1; Rocky Castellani and Al DeVito both scored 4-4, but 36-35 and 36-34, respectively, on points. Tony Perez refereed.

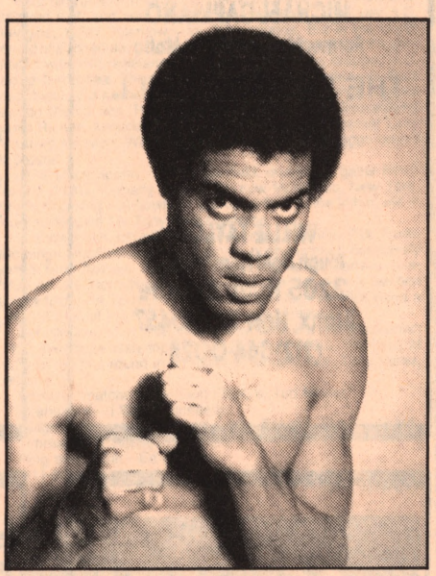
Mike Mohn, 195¾, Shillington, Pa., rocked Andre Crowder, 198¾, Lima, Ohio, in the first, and built an early lead—then wilted and barely hung onto a split decision in a poor six. Tony Perez, referee.

Richie (The Ninja) Otero, 129½, New York, looked sharp with a relentless assault to TKO a game Tommy Hanks, 131¾, Cleveland, at 2:28 of the first round in a scheduled six. Hanks was dropped, then suffered a standing eight. Rudy Battle, referee.

Charles Bullock, 149¾, Harlem, destroyed Jay Bell, 148¼, Chattanooga, with overhand right bombs, scoring a two-knockdown TKO at 2:57 of the third round in their scheduled six. Tony Perez, referee.

Frankie Swindell, 174¼, Nashville, dropped Thyron Venning, 172¼, Brooklyn, with a left hook, then pummeled him into a standing eight and TKO when he was unable to come out for the second round of a scheduled four. Rudy Battle, referee.

Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmakers—Teddy Brener, Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—450 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Ringf Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(01-31-86)



John David Jackson made quick work of Orlando Montalvo, scoring a second round kayo in a scheduled 10 at the Tropicana.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Two prospects with nearly identical records (lone losses in a dozen or so bouts) met in an evenly-matched scheduled 10. Yet it turned out rather one-sidedly, as the punching power of Floyd Peavey, 147, Queens, proved too much for shifty southpaw Steve Little, 134¾, Philadelphia. Now billed as Steve Carey Little, to distinguish himself from his Reading namesake, the lefty would get into trouble almost every time he started to roll. Peavey jolted him with left hooks and right uppercuts in nearly every round, causing ref Randy Neumann to administer a standing eight-count in the fourth.

Little made a game effort to pull the fight out in the second half, and won a couple rounds in solid exchanging. But it only served to increase the punishment he was absorbing, so that by the eighth, he was coming undone. Peavey rocked him repeatedly with right uppercuts in the ninth, as the crowd exhorted Neumann to stop it. He did, at 1:45. At the time, Floyd led in the scoring: Rocky Castellani, 6-2; Milo Savage, 5-2-1; Ray Hoagland, 4-4.

In the companion 10, another lefty, John David Jackson, 152¾, Seattle via Bridgeport, Pa., had little trouble knocking out Orlando Montalvo, 159¾, Stamford, Conn., in 0:52 of the second. Montalvo was dropped in a corner, and seemed content to stay there. Joe O'Neill, referee.

Chris Eubank, 153¾, London via Bronx, won a unanimous verdict over Eric Holland, 151½, Philadelphia, four. Holland, who suffered a questionable knockdown in the fourth, put up a good

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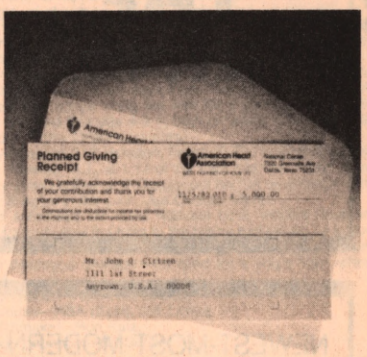

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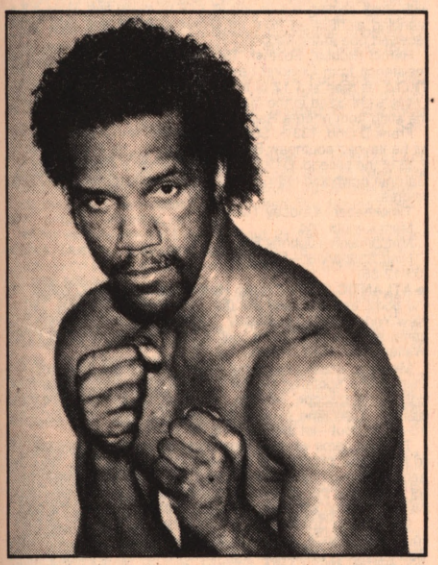
effort. Randy Neumann, referee.

Craig Snyder, 133, Youngstown, scored a flash knockdown in the first, then outscrambled Jorge Sanchez, 132, Jersey City, for a unanimous win in an artless but lively four. Joe O'Neill, referee.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1,200 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(02-25-86)



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Old pro Eddie Davis is looking for one last light heavyweight title shot following his unanimous decision over Arthel Lawhorne in Atlantic City.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—In an oddity, the peculiarities of cable-TV scheduling resulted in the same promoter running two shows the same night, at separate locations in the same city. The "early show" had Eddie Davis, 176, Freeport, Long Island, N.Y., winning a unanimous decision over Arthel Lawhorne, 176¼, Detroit, 10. In so doing, Davis cleared up a controversial previous win over Lawhorne, when ref Paul Venti had disqualified Arthel for hitting with an open glove. This time, there was no doubt about the winner, though ref Vinnie Rainone did have his hands full keeping it honest. Both stationary fighters, the two leaned on each other and slugged away in rugged infighting, with clashing heads and borderline body belts.

In their first encounter, Lawhorne had started slowly, but was coming on when Venti gave him the thumb. This time was the reverse, with the action fairly even for five rounds, then Arthel yielding under pressure in the second half. In the sixth, a bloody Lawhorne strangely stopped fighting and walked to the ropes after banging heads in an exchange, as if giving up. A check by Dr. Paul Williams disclosed a missing tooth, the whereabouts of which caused some concern until Arthel revealed it was lost long ago. Otherwise, he suffered only a cut mouth. In the seventh, a flurry of shots rocked Lawhorne, and forced a standing eight. Arthel took a battering down the stretch, and was penalized the ninth round for low blows as well. Eva Shain scored 7-3, Thomas Kaczmarek 7-2-1, and Ray Hoagland 6-4. The recycled Davis looked far from shot, and is inspired anew by the Third Coming of Marvin Johnson. Trouble is that Marvin has already stopped Eddie twice.

Felipe Montellano, 148¾, Jersey City, won a unanimous decision over unbeaten Cortez Treadwell, 149, Fayetteville, N.C., eight. The free swinging, but somewhat frail Treadwell twice had Montellano in trouble, but otherwise couldn't prevent Felipe from pressuring him on the inside and controlling the action. Steve Smoger refereed.

Crowd pleaser Rip Rettig, 147, Bayonne, looked good, overwhelming slick John McMurren, 144, Philadelphia, for a unanimous win in an action six. Steve Smoger, referee.

In a rip-snorter, Robert Neeley, 155½, Philadelphia, came off the canvas in the second to twice drop and TKO Domingo Molina, 156, Brooklyn, at 1:04 of the third round in a scheduled four. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

Promoters—Josephine Abercrombie, Jeff Levine (HBA East).
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Attendance—500 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Frank Shain.
(02-28-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—The fizzling weekly series here reached its penultimate card, with Kevin (E.T.) Moley, 161½, Selden, Long Island, scoring a dreary TKO over Sammy Floyd, 157, Louisville, after seven rounds of a scheduled 10. The veteran trialhorse, approaching the end of a decade-long career, used his wiles to make Moley look bad through the early rounds. After six, judge Joe Pasquale had Sammy ahead 4-2, Milo Savage scored 4-2 Moley, and William Kostrub 3-3. But Sammy simply couldn't "go 10." Kevin turned up the heat in the seventh, and had Floyd in distress. The veteran was spent, and unable to come out for the eighth. Steve Smoger refereed.

A good undercard made up for the dull main event. Matt Farrago, 157, Syracuse, just nipped Steve Sheeran, 166¼, Upper Darby, Pa., via split decision in a good six. The brawler Farrago turned boxer to befuddle the heavier Sheeran early, then survived a couple of rough rounds as Sheeran came on and outhustled Steve in the crucial six. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

Greg Everett, 171¾, Newark, played it a little too cool, but measured his punches to pick apart and TKO a pressuring Lee Hooks, 171½, Cincinnati. The bloodied and beaten Hooks wasn't permitted out for the sixth and last round. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

In a wild battle, Ken (Hands) Crosby, 217¾, Atlantic City, surprised when he TKO'd an exhausted Kenneth McClain, 237, Trenton, on his feet at 2:57 of the second round in a scheduled four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Michael Green, 124, Plainfield, was too much for game Julio (El Puas) Merino, 129, San Salvador, El Salvador, via Newark, who was hurt to the body, given a standing eight, then stopped at 2:10 of the third round in their scheduled four. Steve Smoger, referee.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—900 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring announcer—Ed Derian.
(03-04-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—A tragedy befell casino boxing, as the only weekly promotion folded after 177 Tuesday shows. Increased pressure from stringent commission physical and safety requirements was viewed by casino executives as harassment, making every card a down-to-the-wire misadventure. Taking a long look at the numbers, it was decided the increased "drop" at the tables didn't offset expenses, and the boxing program just wasn't worth the hassle. In a less-than-amicable parting, the series ended with a whimper. Promoter Don Elbaum, affectionately known as "El Bum," gave it the "Bum's rush," with a lousy card, ending before 9:30—but not without controversy.

Returning Juan Ramon Cruz, 134½, Santurce, P.R., via Bronx, showed rust, and was clearly outmaneuvered by a busy A.D. Wiggins, 135¾, Allentown, for three rounds. But in the fourth round of a scheduled 10, Cruz stepped up the attack, and Wiggins folded with little resistance. A left hook to the ribs dropped A.D. along the ropes. Then a flurry sat him down again, as Cruz punctuated the knockdown with three more blows while Wiggins sat on the canvas. Referee Ted Pick, instead of disqualifying Juan Ramon, awarded him a TKO at 2:57. Commissioner Larry Hazzard scowled, Wiggins cried foul, and his manager lodged a protest.

Lefty Tracy Spann, 137¼, Plainfield, drubbed a game Kevin Austin, 140¾, formerly Milwaukee, now Monticello, New York, finally knocking him down for a TKO at 0:44 of the fifth round in their scheduled 10. Tony Perez, referee.

In a mismatch, returning prospect Angel Del Villar, 218, Santo Domingo, via Elmhurst, Long Island, push-punched hopelessly small Tony Rowan, 183, Mont Clare, Pa., to the canvas, then clubbed the stumbling Rowan behind the head for a second knockdown. As Tony's fans howled in protest, ref Pick ruled a TKO at 0:36 of the first round in the scheduled four.

Derrick Davenport, 148, Jersey City, scored a two-knockdown TKO over hopelessly inept Darryl Eldridge, 140¼, Vineland, at 0:51 of the first round in an awful scheduled four. Tony Perez, referee.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1,000 (estimated).
Judges—Thomas Kaczmarek, John Stewart, Eugene Grant.
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Ring announcer—Ed Derian.
(03-11-86)

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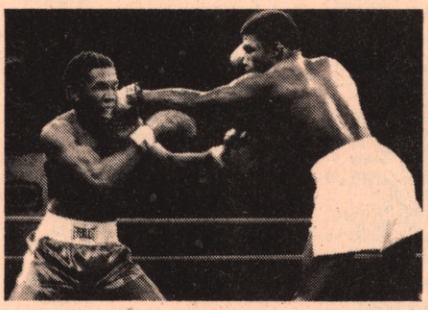

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Joe Manley (right) smacks Howard Davis flush in the face with a left jab en route to an upset decision at the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Golden Nugget Hotel-Casino**—It was billed as a 10-round IBF elimination (Aaron Pryor had been stripped of the junior welterweight title) bout. It would more than likely also eliminate the loser from big time professional boxing.

In an intriguing clash of styles, the 1980 U.S. Olympic lightweight representative took a close but unanimous decision over his 1976 counterpart. Joe Louis Manley, 139½, Detroit, Mich., the puncher, got the nod over Howard Davis, 139¼, E. Brunswick, N.J.; the boxer, by scores of 7-3 from Frank Cairo, 6-3-1 from Frank Brunette, and 6-4 on the card of Charlie Spina. *The Ring* had it 5-3-2, Davis.

The difference apparently was more than just the two knockdowns scored by Manley—all three judges giving him those rounds, 5-3. He won enough individual rounds not to have to bother going to the secondary point system.

Checking the cards even further, Manley had such a lock after eight, there was no realistic way for Davis to win other than by knockout. Manley led on all cards 4-1, after five, and 7-1, 6-2, 6-2, after eight.

Davis was dumped in round one by a stinging straight right. He hit the deck again in the fifth compliments of a quick silver left hook.

Why the difference on *The Ring* card? Manley is a notorious poser, given to fits of complacency and ultra indifference. Even with the move back to his hometown, he hasn't really shown any marked turnaround. For sure, he was the stronger puncher, but he let the woodpecker approach of Davis squirrel away too many moment.

Howard, for his part, may have showcased himself in a negative light, what with his willy-nilly motion, but, on our card, he at least rummaged for points in his clearer rounds while Joe trailed after him—as if one the end of a string. He was content to a fault, letting Davis slip by in numerous sessions.

Kerry Allen, 122, Tampa, Fla., won an eight-round split decision over Juan Muriel, 123½, New York. The action started slowly, but gathered steam along the way for a rousing finish. Spina had it 6-2, and Brunette 4-3-1, both for Allen; Cairo saw it 5-3 for Muriel. Tony Orlando, referee.

David Gauvin, 117, Houston, Texas, TKO'd Valentin Espinosa, 114½, Newark, N.J., at 1:14 of the sixth and final round. It was a fairly even contest until Gauvin put his foe down once in the fifth and again in the sixth. Joe Cortez, referee.

In a scheduled six-round walk-out bout, Vincent Boulware, 162, Houston, sent the folks to the tables early when he kayoed Khalif Shabazz, 158, Hartford, in 0:51 of the first. One right hand totally destroyed Shabazz—no need for a count from referee Orlando.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Promoter—HBA (East), Jeff Levine.
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(02-28-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International Hotel-Casino**—It had worked against Bert Cooper, but it failed miserably against Henry Tillman. Reggie Gross, 204, Baltimore, Md., had, in his last bout, let Cooper punch himself out and fashioned a stunning come-from-behind stoppage win.

This time, no sir. Tillman, 192¾, Los Angeles, was ready. Using his adequate if not scholarly boxing skills, he didn't let Gross have that thrill of victory, beating Reggie with scores of 8-2 from Eva Shain, 9-1 from Ray Hoagland, and a big 10-0 from Lynn Carter. *The Ring* saw it 8-1-1.

Tillman used the ring, yet punched when he had to—especially in the middle rounds, when Gross started to make his move. Henry would have no part of it, letting Reggie know he had plenty of moxie to cut him off at the pass, so to speak. He had squashed the attempted coup, and with it, took the fighting spirit out of Gross.

Tillman, the heavyweight gold medal winner at the 1984 Olympics, is now 10-0 as a pro with seven kayoes. Gross fell to 18-4 with 13 knockouts. Tony Orlando, referee.

In a Mutt-and-Jeff affair, most felt that the little guy got the short end of the stick. While Jimmy Navarro, 117½, Miami, Fla., did get the official eight-round split decision, you couldn't find many who would agree with it. The skinny Navarro got cards of 5-3 from both Shain and Hoagland, while Carter voted 4-3-1 for the fire-plug, Tony Pruitt, 116¾, St. Louis, Mo.

The Ring had it 5-3 for Pruitt, giving him the last five rounds. Once he got his timing down, he took command in a real crowd pleaser. Pruitt was floored in an action packed first round, while Navarro was put down in the seventh.

Subjective scoring indeed. Round one saw Carter give it to Navarro, 5-3, while Hoagland and Shain wrote it up as 5-4 for Pruitt. *The Ring* saw it 5-4, Navarro. Anyone for another New Jersey judges seminar? Joe Cortez, referee.

Richie Otero, 129¾, New York, used his wild right hand approach to once again prove his punching power as he kayoed Estabon Estien, 131¾, Paterson, N.J., in 2:54 of round three in a scheduled six. Estien was the far superior ring technician but was dropped once in the second and even more emphatically in the third. This was surely a case of power over style. Joe Cortez, referee.

In a do-nothing bout, John Rafuse, 139¾, Malden, Mass., took a unanimous (all three cards 4-2) decision over Wayne Travagline, 143¾, Philadelphia. Tony Orlando, referee. Even if neither boxer looked like he wanted to win this thing outright, many in the theater crowd felt that the wrong man won.

Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmakers—Teddy Brenner and Bruce Trampler.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(03-04-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel-Casino**—Punishing, aggressive, and purposeful. Those words best describe Rocky Lockridge on this night. Prepping for a summer title bout, Lockridge, 130, Mt. Laurel, N.J., was sharp as the proverbial tack and ready to rumble. His victim was Efram Nieves, 134, Monticello, N.Y.

Rocky came out all business and assaulted the body with a vengeance. It didn't matter that his taller foe was a leftie; Rocky just got low and inside, keeping Nieves forever in the corners and chopping him down rib by rib. After three rounds of onslaught, Nieves caved in and quit on his stool just after the bell ended round three. He had little choice; he didn't run and he sure as heck couldn't hide.

He tried to fight back while in there, and though never down, he was simply overwhelmed by the studied approach of Lockridge. It was ruled a third round TKO win for the former world junior lightweight champion. The bout was scheduled for 10.

UNITED STATES RATINGS
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(As of April 1, 1986)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Larry Holmes (Pennsylvania)
2. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
3. Mike Weaver (California)
4. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
5. James Broad (New Jersey)
6. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)
7. Carl Williams (New York)
8. James (Buster) Douglas (Ohio)
9. Mike Tyson (New York)
10. David Bey (Pennsylvania)
11. Eddie Gregg (New York)
12. Tyrell Biggs (Pennsylvania)
13. Greg Page (Kentucky)
14. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
15. Lee Canalito (Texas)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Boone Pultz (New Jersey)
1. Bashiru Ali (California)
2. Ricky Parkey (New Jersey)
3. Dorcey Gaymon (Florida)
4. Evander Holyfield (Georgia)
5. Bernard Benton (Michigan)
6. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
7. Anthony Davis (Nevada)
8. Henry Tillman (California)
9. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
10. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
11. Reggie Gross (Maryland)
12. Bert Cooper (Pennsylvania)
13. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
14. Carlos Hernandez (New York)
15. Leon Spinks (Missouri)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
2. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
3. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
4. Junior Edmond (New Jersey)
5. Diamond Jim MacDonald (Texas)
6. Prince Mamah Mohammed (Calif.)
7. Kelvin Kelly (Pennsylvania)
8. Anthony Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
9. Grover Robinson (California)
10. Jeff Lampkin (Ohio)
11. David Sears (New York)
12. Michael Lee (Maryland)
13. Bobby Jennings (South Carolina)
14. Charles Williams (Michigan)
15. Eddie Davis (New York)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
1. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)
2. Nicky Walker (Nevada)
3. Everett Martin (Texas)
4. Marvin Mack (Pennsylvania)
5. Poncho Carter (Georgia)
6. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
7. Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
8. Frank Tate (Texas)
9. Frank Minton (Indiana)
10. Carlos Tite (Indiana)
11. Sanderline Williams (Ohio)
12. Ron Essett (Indiana)
13. Charles Carter (Washington)
14. Jay Strickland (Texas)
15. Ignacio Zavala (Texas)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Robbie Sims (Massachusetts)
1. Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
2. James Kinchen (California)
3. Iran Barkley (New York)
4. Don Lee (Indiana)
5. John Collins (Illinois)
6. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
7. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
8. Mike Tinley (New Jersey)
9. Michael Nunn (California)
10. Doug DeWitt (New York)
11. Vincent Boulware (Texas)
12. Kevin Watts (New Jersey)
13. Carl Jones (California)
14. Charles Boston (New Jersey)
15. Esteban Pizarro (Puerto Rico)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Duane Thomas (Michigan)
1. Davey Moore (New York)
2. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
3. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
4. David Braxton (Michigan)
5. Mark Medal (New York)
6. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
7. Ken Shannon (Virginia)
8. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
9. Lupe Aquino (California)
10. Troy Darrell (New York)
11. Fred Hutchings (California)
12. Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)
13. Mark McPherson (New Jersey)
14. Mardo Royhal (California)
15. Kenny Snow (Texas)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. Maurice Blocker (D.C.)
3. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
4. Simon Brown (D.C.)
5. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
6. Manning Galloway (Ohio)
7. Mark Breland (New York)
8. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
9. Roman George (Louisiana)
10. Darryl Anthony (Missouri)
11. Jerome Kinney (Michigan)
12. Bobby Joe Young (Ohio)
13. Mike Picciotti (Pennsylvania)
14. Curtis Summit (Illinois)
15. Allen Braswell (New York)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
1. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
2. Joe Louis Manley (New Jersey)
3. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
4. Frankie Warren (Texas)
5. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
6. Harold Brazier (Indiana)
7. Vincent Pazienza (Rhode Island)
8. John Meekins (New York)
9. Ricky Young (New York)
10. Mitchell Julian (California)
11. Bill Costello (New York)
12. Vincent Pettway (Maryland)
13. Othal Dixon (Texas)
14. Bruce Williams (New Jersey)
15. Gene Hatcher (Texas)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
2. Terrence Alli (New York)
3. Sammy Fuentes (Puerto Rico)
4. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
5. Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
6. Meldrick Taylor (Pennsylvania)
7. Irleis (Cubanito) Perez (Calif.)
8. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
9. Pernell Whitaker (Virginia)
10. Shelton LeBlanc (Louisiana)
11. Fred Pendleton (Florida)
12. Charlie (Choo Choo) Brown (Pa.)
13. Greg Haugen (Washington)
14. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
15. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
2. Mark Fernandez (Colorado)
3. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
4. Johnny de la Rosa (Michigan)
5. Jackie Beard (Tennessee)
6. Raphe Sims (Texas)
7. Anthony English (New Jersey)
8. Adrian Arreola (California)
9. Dwight Pratchett (Indiana)
10. Donald Caples (Texas)
11. Darrell Savoy (Louisiana)
12. Vincent Costello (New York)
13. Vernon Buchanan (Missouri)
14. Keith Stevenson (Florida)
15. Jeff Silva (Illinois)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Calvin Grove (Pennsylvania)
1. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
2. Billy White (Louisiana)
3. Steve Cruz (Texas)
4. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
5. Refugio Rojas (California)
6. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
7. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
8. Irving Mitchell (California)
9. Baby Joe Ruelas (California)
10. Louis Espinoza (Arizona)
11. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico)
12. Lenny Valdez (California)
13. Dana Roston (Nevada)
14. J.L. Ivey (Michigan)
15. Juan LaPorte (New York)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
3. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
4. George Garcia (California)
5. Harold Petty (Texas)
6. Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
7. Mike Ayala (Texas)
8. James Pipps (Texas)
9. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
10. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
11. Jorge Ramirez (California)
12. Oscar Muniz (California)
13. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
14. Paulie Ayala (Texas)
15. Earnie Johnson (California)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Hurley Snead (Michigan)
1. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
2. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
3. Frankie Duarte (California)
4. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
5. Steve McCrory (Michigan)
6. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
7. Jeff Whaley (Michigan)
8. Jesse Benevides (Texas)
9. Kelvin Seabrooks (North Carolina)
10. David Gauvin (Massachusetts)
11. Mike Moreno (Arizona)
12. James Manning (Oregon)
13. Jimmy Navarro (Florida)
14. Bryan Jones (Pennsylvania)
15. Ruben Solario (California)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Henry Brent (New York)
1. Joey Olivo (California)
2. Sugar Baby Rojas (Florida)
3. Paul Gonzales (California)
4. Kenny Mitchell (New York)
5. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (Calif.)
6. Ian Clyde (California)
7. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
8. Orlando Canizales (Texas)
9. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
10. Mario Savala (California)
11. Robert Robinson (Pennsylvania)
12. Troy Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
13. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
14. Alcides Morales (Florida)
15. Miguel Mercedes (California)

Vinnie Rainone, referee.

Rubber match? In a repeat performance of a close one, matters were evened up. Both bouts were action packed, but this time Ralph (Shocktime) Smiley, 162, Ithaca, N.Y., learned to get and stay even closer, and virtually will himself to stick it out over eight rather torrid rounds. It paid off when he was credited with an eight-round majority decision over Terrence Simpson, 158¾, Bronx, N.Y. Scores: Frank Brunette, 5-3; Ron Burns, 4-4; Rich Strange, 5-2-1. Joe O'Neil, referee.

George Ross, 147½, Williamsport, Pa., and Ted Smith, 142, Providence, R.I., played rock em' sock em' in a scheduled four, with Ross coming out on top at 1:46 of round two. Ross got a standing eight-count from ref O'Neil in round one, and Smith received one in the second.

Harold (Bubba) Souther, 155, Newburyport, Mass., got little resistance from Ormond Lewis, also 155, Brooklyn, N.Y., and TKO'd his man at 1:12 of the sixth and final round. A bloodied Lewis went down in the fifth, and got a standing eight-count in the sixth from referee Rainone.

Frank D'Orio, 133½, Somerville, Mass., won a scheduled six as he kayoed southpaw Blaine Gardner, 132½, Philadelphia, in 2:38 of the second. D'Orio was ahead when a final left hook put Gardner down and out in the bout's only knockdown. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Main Events, Inc.
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(03-12-86)

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Hotel-Casino—Boxing adage: kill the body, and the head will die. John Wesley Meekins, 140½, New York, adhered gloriously to that time honored proverb and came away with a TKO-6 (not out for seventh) win over Grant Walters, 142, New Orleans, La.

Meekins, sneaky quick but nevertheless right there with his man, found spots on his foe's midsection formerly uncovered only by microscope. After four round of this *tour de force* body assault, it became evident that Walters wasn't long for a full 10-round bout—let alone pulling off a win.

The end came when Walters, hopelessly behind, complained to his corner people that he was too weak to go on. His chief second tried to coax him into going on, but a corner state inspector overheard the conversation and called over referee Randy Neumann, who sided with Walters, thereby stopping the bout.

George (Go Go) Navarro, 126¼, Vineland, N.J., won an eight-round unanimous decision over Rene Resto, 126¾, Brooklyn. Scores: Rocky Castellani, 6-2; William Kostrub, 8-0; Frank Cairo, 7-1. *The Ring* saw it 5-3, Navarro. Paul Venti, referee. Navarro is now 12-0 with five kayoes. Resto is 11-1-1 with three knockouts.

Aristedes Acevedo, 125¾, New York, won by TKO at 1:43 of round four in a scheduled eight over southpaw Lane Killian, 127, Ft. Payne, Ala. Aristedes won all previous rounds and Lane took a standing eight-count from referee Neumann just before it was stopped.

Skinny southpaw George Hobbs, 151¾, Brooklyn, won a six-round unanimous decision over Talso Person, also 151¾, Philadelphia. The loser was knocked down in the fourth and lost by scores of 6-0 twice and a 5-1 from Cairo. Randy Neumann, referee.

Ramon Cruz, 128, New York, made his first appearance outside of Puerto Rico a successful one as he easily defeated Juan Alvarado, 126¼, Dover, N.J., via a six-round unanimous decision. Scores: 6-0 twice, and a 5-1 from Castellani. Paul Venti, referee.

Tim Burgess, 134½, Brooklyn, took a four-round unanimous decision over southpaw Matt Jefferson, 135, Bronx. Jefferson received a badly cut right eye in the fourth round and got a safety look-see standing eight-count from referee Venti because of it.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmakers—Teddy Brenner, Bruce Trampler.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(03-21-86)

JACK OBERMAYER

NEW YORK

▶UNIONDALE—Nassau Coliseum—Three 'live' bouts preceded the Hagler-Mugabi/Hearns-Shuler closed circuit telecast.

Heavyweight k.o. artist Mike Tyson, 220½, Catskill, New York, knocked out Steve Zouski, 210, Brockton, Mass., in 2:39 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Arthur Mercante, Sr., referee. Tyson is now 19-0—all knockouts. Zouski is 25-10 with 14 kayoes.

James (Buddy) McGirt, 142½, Brentwood, New York, TKO'd Dave Odem, also 142½, Sharon, Pa., at 2:09 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Referee Nick Drake stopped the contest after Odem was floored for an eight-count by the first half decent combo McGirt landed. McGirt is now 24-0-1 with 20 kayoes. Odem is 12-11-2.

Wesley Reid, 169½, Queens, New York, won a unanimous decision over Kenny Page, also 169½, Philadelphia, six. Johnny Colan, referee.

Judges—Tony Castellano, Billy Graham, Victor Suarez.
Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
E.C.M. Enterprises.
Promoters—Mickey Morabito, Jim Taylor.
Attendance—8,449
(08-10-86)

CHARLES D. BROWN

▶NEW YORK CITY—Madison Square Garden—The finals of the 60th Annual New York Golden Gloves started at 7:30, ended at 12:45, and attracted the usual good crowd for the benefit of New York *Daily News* charities.

Results were as follows:

Super Heavyweights: Novice: Anthony Green, 23, Times

Square A.C., TKO'd Martin Snow, 26, Empire Sporting Club, at 0:49 of the third round. Open: Louis Savarese, 20, Cage Recreation, Greenwood Lake, New York, outpointed Alex Stewart, 21, Uptown Gymnasium, Brooklyn. Richard McGuire, referee.

Heavyweights: Novice: Ike Padilla, 17, Yonkers PAL, TKO'd Mark Wizbicki, 23, Nassau PBC, New Hyde Park, New York, at 1:29 of the second. Open: Michael Bent, 20, Bed-Stuy Boxing Association, Brooklyn, outscored Webster Vinson, 22, Bed-Stuy Boxing Association. Randy Sandy, referee.

Light Heavyweights: Novice: Clinton Mitchell, 23, PAL, Brooklyn, outscored Kelvin Daly, 19, Empire Sporting Club, Brooklyn. Open: Riddick Bowe, Bed-Stuy Boxing Association, knocked out Paul Brennin, 19, Atlantic Boxing Club, in 0:29 of the third round. Marcel Haigy, referee.

Middleweights: Novice: Angel Valentin, 19, Fort Apache Boxing Club, outpointed Sean Hampton, 17, Big Wheel Boxing Club, Brooklyn. Open: Darrin Oliver, 20, unattached, outscored Thomas Patti, 23, Empire Sporting Club, Brooklyn. Pedro Santiago, referee.

Light Middleweights: Novice: Michael King, 21, Time Out Club, Hempstead, New York, outpointed John McCann, 23, New York Police Dept. Boxing Club. Open: Ray Rivera, 19, Jerome Boxing Club, outscored Terminator Coles, 22, Bed-Stuy Boxing Association. Charles Wreckter, referee.

Welterweights: Novice: Darin Poullard, 21, New York City Recreation, Queens, outpointed Julio Perez, 18, West Side A.C. Open: Aaron Davis, 18, Gleason's Gymnasium, Manhattan. Lou Codella, referee.

Light Welterweights: Novice: Aureliano Sosa, 16, Bath Beach Boxing Club, Brooklyn, outscored John Cozzolino, 17, PAL, Queens. Open: Glenwood Brown, 18, Plainfield Boxing Club, Plainfield, N.J., outpointed Paul Rivera, 17, Apollo Boxing Club, Bronx. Manny Fernandez, referee.

Lightweights: Novice: Ricardo Garcia, 20, South Queens Boys Club, outpointed Cristobal Ramos, 17, Times Square A.C. Open: Davey Franco, 18, Plainfield Boxing Club, outscored Owen McGeachy, 21, Bed-Stuy Boxing Association. Ben Esteves, referee.

Featherweights: Novice: Kris Ragoonath, 20, Starrett City Boxing Club, outpointed Daniel McCarvill, 22, Yonkers PAL. Open: Jorge Rivas, 19, NYC 23rd/25th Pct., Manhattan, outscored Kevin Dickerson, 20, Empire Sporting Club, Bronx. Alex Besthea refereed the novice contest: Ben DiSanto worked the open.

Bantamweights: Novice: Robert Scott, 18, Starrett City Boxing Club, outscored Alfredo Melendez, 26, Empire Sporting Club. Open: Kevin Kelley, 18, PAL, Queens, TKO'd Elvis DeRios, 22, Yonkers PAL, at 1:18 of the third round. Louis Fugazy, referee.

Flyweights: Novice: Anthony Perez, 16, Bed-Stuy Boxing Association, a southpaw, outscored Leo Vargas, 17, Jefferson Recreation, Manhatta. Open: Israel Rodriguez, 17, Number One Boxing Club, outpointed Juan Acevedo, 19, Sports for the People, Bronx. Frank Martinez, referee.

Light Flyweights: Novice: Peter Nieves, 16, Empire Sporting Club, outpointed Raul Malave, 23, Empire Sporting Club. Open: David Villar, 18, Yonkers PAL, TKO'd Christopher Merkel, 21, Nassau PBC, Levittown, New York, at 1:16 of round three. Steven Goldberg, referee.

Judges—Ben Caliendo, Nicholas Cerrato, Ken Dunseath, Martin Lannigan, Bart Mahoney, Julien Meyer, Phoebe Rosenthal, Manfred Schnur, Ernie Sergio, Scott Wreckter, Frank Lombardi, Felix Garo, Edmund Gibson, Steve Cohen, Daniel Gant, Sparkle Lee.

Timekeepers—Jack Barro, James Bubbico, John Cusack, Edward Gruenwald, Diane Howell, Al Rosenthal.

Sammy Farber, who participated in the first (1927) New York Golden Gloves tournament, was among those honored in a special ceremony prior to intermission.
(03-14-86)

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Former WBC featherweight champion Juan LaPorte, 131, New York, won a clear but unimpressive majority 10-round decision over Vinnie Costello, also 131, Kew Gardens, New York, in Bob Goodman's maiden program as matchmaker at the Garden.

Costello displayed good speed in avoiding LaPorte's heavier artillery, but how judge Al Reid scored this fight a 5-5 draw is anybody's guess. Judges Barbara Perez and Danny Whelan carded 6-4 and 7-3, respectively, LaPorte. The former title holder is now 26-6 with 13 kayoes. Costello, the younger brother of ex-WBC super lightweight champion Bill, is 18-2-1 with six knockouts. Joe Cortez refereed.

Olympic featherwieght gold medalist Meldrick Taylor, 136½, Philadelphia, ran his pro record to 11-0 with seven knockouts as he TKO'd Jose (Pepe) Rivera, 136, a native of Barranquilla, Colombia, now boxing out of Miami, at 2:07 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10-round co-feature. Rivera is now 10-5-2 with nine kayoes. Joe Santarpia, referee.

Late sub Anthony Andrews, 142½, Brooklyn, pulled off the upset of the night by catching former Continental Americas champion Darryl Fuller, 142, Nashville, early for a TKO at 2:28 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Andrews is now 10-2 with 10 knockouts. Fuller is 18-6-1 with 15 kayoes. Al LoBianco, referee.

Former New York Golden Gloves star Dennis Milton, 157, New York, went to 5-0 in the pro ranks with a unanimous decision over Ali Bey, 160, Wilmington, Delaware, six. Scoring: Perez and Whelan, both 5-1; Reid, 6-0. Bey is now 5-6-2 with three kayoes. Joe Cortez, referee.

Raymond Reyes, 126½, Kew Gardens, New York, won a split decision over Sammy Ruiz, 123½, Monticello, New York, six. Scoring: Perez, 3-3 in rounds, but 4-3, Reyes, in points; Reid, 4-2 (4-3 in points), Ruiz; Whelan, 4-2, Reyes. The winner is now 5-1-1. Ruiz is 3-3-4. Joe Santarpia, referee.

John John Molina, 130, Fajardo, P.R., TKO'd John Wesley, 127½, Miami, Fla., at 2:36 of the first round in a scheduled four. Molina is now 4-0. Wesley is 0-2. Al LoBianco, referee.

Bob Dietlmeier, 222, Toms River, N.J., went to 5-0 with a TKO over inept Danny Prescott, 206, Hampton, Virginia, at 1:32 of the third round in the scheduled four-round closer. Prescott, who was knocked down in the second, is now 0-4 and should pack it in. Al LoBianco, referee.

NORTH AMERICAN RATINGS
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(As of March 24, 1986)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Michael Spinks (Missouri)
2. Mike Weaver (California)
3. Larry Holmes (Pennsylvania)
4. Pinklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
5. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
6. Mike Tyson (New York)
7. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
8. Carl Williams (New York)
9. Marvis Frazier (Pennslyvania)
10. Tyrell Biggs (Pennsylvania)
11. James Broad (New Jersey)
12. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
13. Eddie Gregg (New York)
14. Mitchell Green (New York)
15. James Douglas (Ohio)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Bashiru Ali (California)
1. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
2. Ricky Parkey (New Jersey)
3. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
4. Bernard Benton (Michigan)
5. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
6. Evander Holyfield (Georgia)
7. Dorcy Gaymon (Florida)
8. Anthony Witherspoon (Pa.)
9. Henry Tillman (California)
10. Henry Milligan (Delaware)
11. Tyrone Booze (Connecticut)
12. Curtis Isaac (Michigan)
13. Spencer Chavis (Michigan)
14. Anthony Davis (California)
15. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Edwards (Michigan)
1. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
2. Mustafa Muhammad (New Jersey)
3. Junior Edmond (New Jersey)
4. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
5. Poncho Carter (Georgia)
6. Charles Williams (Michigan)
7. David Sears (New York)
8. Prince Mamah Mohammed (Calif.)
9. Eddie Davis (New York)
10. Kelvin Kelly (Pennsylvania)
11. Diamond Jim MacDonald (Texas)
12. Jeff Lampkin (Ohio)
13. James Salerno (Florida)
14. Mike Lee (Maryland)
15. Vinnie Curto (Florida)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
1. James Kinchen (California)
2. Don Lee (Indiana)
3. Michael Olajide (British Columbia)
4. Iran Barkley (New York)
5. Doug DeWitt (New York)
6. Kevin Watts (New Jersey)
7. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
8. Michael Nunn (California)
9. Frank Tate (Michigan)
10. Carl Jones (California)
11. Luis Rivera (New Jersey)
12. Mike Tinley (New Jersey)
13. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
14. Alex Ramos (New York)
15. Charles Boston (New Jersey)

SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
David Braxton (Michigan)
1. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
2. Matthew Hilton (Quebec)
3. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
4. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
5. Troy Darrell (New York)
6. Mark Medal (New York)
7. Lupe Aquino (California)
8. Fred Hutchings (California)
9. Darrell Chambers (Michigan)
10. Davey Moore (New York)
11. Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)
12. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
13. Willie Harris (Pennsylvania)
14. William Clayton (Illinois)
15. Kenny Snow (Texas)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Maurice Blocker (New Jersey)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
3. Darryl Anthony (Missouri)
4. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
5. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
6. Simon Brown (D.C.)
7. Mark Breland (New York)
8. Troy Wortham (Connecticut)
9. David Hilton (Quebec)
10. Manning Galloway (Ohio)
11. Rigoberto Lopez (California)
12. Diomedes Colome (California)
13. Juan Alonzo Villa (Mexico)
14. Herman Montes (California)
15. Shawn O'Sullivan (Ontario)

SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Ronnie Shields (Texas)
1. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
2. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
3. Alexis Arguello (Florida)
4. Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez (Mexico)
5. Joe Louis Manley (New Jersey)
6. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
7. Harold Brazier (Indiana)
8. Darryl Fuller (Tennessee)
9. Othal Dixon (Texas)
10. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
11. Bill Costello (New York)
12. Frankie Warren (Texas)
13. Ricky Young (New York)
14. Mitchell Julien (California)
15. Andy Nance (California)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
2. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
3. Greg Haugen (Washington)
4. Edwin Curet (Massachusetts)
5. Terrence Alli (New York)
6. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
7. Cubanito Perez (California)
8. Shelton LeBlanc (Louisiana)
9. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
10. Pernell Whitaker (New York)
11. Harry Arroyo (Ohio)
12. Vinnie Pazienza (Rhode Island)
13. Meldrick Taylor (Pennsylvania)
14. Chris Calvin (Tennessee)
15. Roger Mayweather (Nevada)

SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Dwight Pratchett (Indiana)
1. Bobby Chacon (California)
2. Raphe Sims (Texas)
3. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
4. Anthony English (Pennsylvania)
5. Mark Fernandez (Colorado)
6. Johnny de la Rosa (Florida)
7. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
8. Keith Stevenson (Florida)
9. Wilmer Ruiz (Texas)
10. Vinnie Costello (New York)
11. Oscar Bejines (California)
12. Vernon Buchanan (Missouri)
13. Ramon Marchena (Mexico)
14. Darnell Savoy (Louisiana)
15. Derwin Richards (Texas)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Baby Joe Ruelas (California)
1. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
2. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
3. Refugio Rojas (California)
4. Steve Cruz (Texas)
5. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
6. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
7. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
8. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
9. Roger Arevalo (Mexico)
10. Billy White (Louisiana)
11. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
12. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico)
13. Adrian Arreola (California)
14. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
15. Mauro Gutierrez (Mexico)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Ayala (Texas)
1. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
2. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
3. Louis Espinoza (Arizona)
4. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
5. Jorge (Schoolboy) Ramirez (Cal.)
6. Jaime Garza (California)
7. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
8. Harold Petty (Texas)
9. Oscar Muniz (California)
10. Arnel Arrozal (Oregon)
11. Eusebio Espinal (New York)
12. Carlos Segura (Mexico)
13. Ramon Jimenez (Mexico)
14. Mauro Gutierrez (Mexico)
15. Jesse Benavides (Texas)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
1. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
2. James Pipps (Texas)
3. Richard Sandoval (California)
4. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
5. George Garcia (California)
6. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
7. Albert Davila (California)
8. Kelvin Seabrooks (N. Carolina)
9. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
10. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
11. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
12. James Manning (Oregon)
13. Raul Perez (Mexico)
14. Frankie Duarte (California)
15. Kenny Mitchell (New York)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Gonzalez (California)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
3. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
4. Ruben Padilla (Mexico)
5. Armando Velasco (Mexico)
6. Rodolfo Alvarado (Mexico)
7. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
8. Marco Antonio Benitez (Mexico)
9. Arturo Mujica (Mexico)
10. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (Calif.)
11. Artemio Ruiz (Mexico)
12. Felix Castillo (Texas)
13. Miguel Angel Cota (Mexico)
14. Ray Medel (Texas)
15. Orlando Canizales (Texas)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
2. German Torres (Mexico)
3. Joey Olivo (California)
4. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
5. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
6. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
7. Emilio Santos (Mexico)
8. Amado Ursua (Mexico)
9. Javier Alonzo (Mexico)
10. Babe Luis (Mexico)
11. Santiago Mendez (Mexico)
12. Memo Flores (Mexico)
13. Hilario Duran (Mexico)
14. Ismael Benitez (Mexico)
15. Adalberto Martinez (Mexico)

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
Attendance—2,285.
(04-03-86)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

OKLAHOMA

▶**OKLAHOMA CITY—Tradewinds Motel**—Jerry (Wimpy) Halstead, 210, Midwest City, Ok., knocked out Lupe Guerra, 190, Omaha, Neb., in the second round of a scheduled 10.

Donny LaLonde, 168, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, stopped Ronnie Crawford, 179, Little Rock, Ark., in round two of their scheduled 10.

Greg Windham, 141, Oklahoma City, kayoed Kenneth Ray, 140, Oklahoma City, in the first round of a scheduled four.

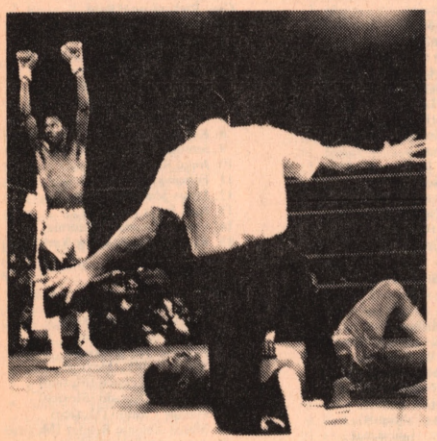
David Kliewer, 200, Enid, Ok., halted Ricky Decker, Oklahoma City, in the first round of their scheduled four.

Ernest Turner, 160, Midwest City, knocked out Kurt Doefler, also 160, Oklahoma City, in the fourth round of another scheduled four.

Terry Kliewer, 150, Oklahoma City, knocked out Matt Berger, 175, Chicago, in round two of still another scheduled four. Kliewer is now 5-0.

Referees—Kelly Burden, Kenny Hayden.
Judges—Joe McCormick, Gary Zanovich.
Timekeeper—Harry Pouder.
Ringside Physician—Harry C. Wolohon, M.D.
Promoter—Sean O'Grady.
Attendance—450 (estimated).
(01-21-86)

JAMES HUTTON



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It's all over in just 1:33 of the opening round as Mark Breland (far left) raises his arms in victory. Lying on the canvas is Richard Aguirre, victim of Breland's deadly right-hand punching.

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**LANCASTER—American Host Farm**—A weekend national TV doubleheader that took this town by storm concluded with Mark Breland, 147¼, Brooklyn, doing likewise to unbeaten Richard Aguirre, 148, San Diego. Breland's trainer, Lou Duva, had remarked weeks earlier that his charge needed a fearless opponent to bring out his best and break a string of performances that had electrified critics more than fans. Aguirre made an instant prophet of Duva. Entering the ring in full Indian regalia, he reminded the whooping fans of an Apache brave. And an aggressive opening charge behind a winging left hook seemed to momentarily surprise a retreating Breland. But Mark quickly gained composure, and began dismantling the Californian with picture-perfect counters. Then, with the suddenness of an ambush, a left jab followed by a thunderous right that came straight as a Comanche arrow left Aguirre struggling on the canvas as if tied to an anthill, while ref Frank Cappuccino counted him out at just 1:33 into the scheduled 10.

Virgil Hill, 175, Grand Forks, N.D., started out getting a fight from James Williamson, 168, Akron. But Williamson hurt his right hand late in the second, then went on the defensive to survive into the sixth and final round. The determined Hill stepped up his attack until the one-armed warrior dropped to the canvas following a left hook, seemingly on purpose to avoid further punishment. Ref Ozzie Sadler called a TKO at 0:57.

Murderous puncher Felix Santiago, 142, New York, scored a frightening K.O. over game Luis Mejias, 142½, Philadelphia, at 1:33 of the second in a scheduled eight. A brisk exchange was capped by a howitzer of a right cross that vaulted Mejias to the canvas, where he remained for several anxious minutes. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Touted "John John" Molina, 128, Fajardo, P.R., used sharper inside punching to gain a unanimous verdict over busy, but roundhousing, Ricky West, 130¼, Lorain, Ohio, via Fayetteville, N.C., in a bristling four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

In a crowd-pleasing comic relief, a jiving Mike Hunter, 196, Greenville, S.C., threw away the script and stole the show by improvising his way to a unanimous win over a cumbersome unbeaten, Dominic Parker, 219, San Diego, six. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

Promoters—J. Russell Peltz, Dan Duva (Main Events).
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Attendance—900 (estimated).
Judges—Paul Battle, Lynne Carter, Joe O'Neil.
Timekeeper—Elise Lashe.
Ring Announcer—Lee J. Nelson.
(03-02-86)

J. R. JOWETT

▶**LANCASTER—Americana Host Farms Resort**—Is Evander Holyfield ready for a title bout? Why not? Heck, in today's marketplace, everybody gets a chance. Nevertheless, on this occasion, Holyfield, 184½, Atlanta, Ga., took it right to a rated boxer in Chisanda Mutti, 192, Lusaka, Zambia, and came away with a command performance as he registered a TKO win (ref Tony Wolfe was waving it over even before Mutti slid down the ropes) at 1:37 of the third in a scheduled 10-rounder.

At the post-fight press conference, Evander explained how he wanted to start off at a fast pace. However, he found himself slowed by the more sleepy-eyed demeanor of Mutti, who looked as if he had missed his wake-up call. Well, if Holyfield considers this a "slow motion" win, then his future opponents better take heed.

He was all business on this particular afternoon. Early on, he worked off a stiff penetrating jab, using punishing body hooks and following those up with damaging right hands to clearly dominate rounds one and two. Mutti was there, but had little in the way of an effective retaliation. Holyfield was too sharp, too strong, too prepared.

A big right in the third shook Mutti to his boots. His mobility gone, he could only move unsteadily backward to the ropes. Evander followed up with combinations that had Wolfe jumping in as an unconcious Mutti slipped to the canvas; no count was given.

With the convincing win, Holyfield was almost certain to get a WBA top 10 rating, a necessity for him to get a shot at the junior heavyweight title this summer.

George Brooks, 146½, Lancaster, Pa., held up through an early round barrage to kayo Cliff Hardee, 150½, Fayetteville, N.C., in 2:28 of the opening round in a scheduled six. The taller Brooks, nearly down himself, gave something for the hometown fans to cheer about as he rallied to floor Hardee for the full count from referee Charlie Sgrillo.

Curt Adams, 135¼, Philadelphia, took a lacklustre error-filled six-round split decision over Tom Warren, 134½, Fayetteville, N.C. Scores: Al Morris, 29-27, Adams; Rudy Battle, 28-26, Adams; Carol Polis, 28-27, Warren. Tony Wolfe, referee.

Sixto Maldonado, 193, Philadelphia, won a six-round unanimous decision over Tim Eaton, 188¼, New York. Scores: Polis, 28-27; Morris, 29-28; Battle, 28-26. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Andre Haddock, 155, Philadelphia, TKO'd Ted Dancy, 157, Fayetteville, N.C., at 0:43 of round three in a scheduled four; cut from six because of television's commitment to the main event. There were no knockdowns, but Dancy was certainly taking stick when referee Sgrillo moved in to stop it.

Timekeeper—Elise Lashe.
Promoters—Main Events and Monitor.
Matchmaker—J. Russell Peltz.
(03-01-86)

JACK OBERMAYER

TEXAS

▶**FT. WORTH—Super Pro Gymnasium**—Three six-rounders headlined.

Rico Velasquez, 126, TKO'd Jimmy Crump, 127¾, at 0:46 of the fifth round.

Charles Hollis, 158¼, TKO'd Tony Shorter, 158, at 1:38 of round six.

Robert Guy, 142, TKO'd Jerome Stottsville, 143, at 1:20 of the second.

Juan Martinez, 117, won a majority decision over Joe Rodriguez, also 117, four.

Greg Foster, 115, TKO'd Anthony Aragon, also 115, at 0:27 of the third round in their scheduled four.

Lalo Velasquez, 128, TKO'd Alberto Cruz, 130, at 1:01 of their first round in another scheduled four.

Referee—R. Walters
Judges—Ken Fewell, Jr., J. Woodruff, J. Marr.
Timekeeper: R.C. Ballew
Knockdown Timer: R.C. Ballew
Ringside Physician—Dr. Gardner
Ten-Count Productions. Gross—$3,974.
(03-11-86)

▶**HOUSTON—Ramada-Houston Hotel**—Everett Martin, 167, Houston, TKO'd Lawrence (Poncho) Carter, 172, Augusta, Ga., at 1:14 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. It was Carter's first defeat.

Vincent Boulware, 160, Houston, kayoed Thomas (Mad Dog) Smith, 158, Tyler, in 2:59 of the first round in their scheduled 10.

Orlando Canizales, 117, Houston, TKO'd Cuautemoc Villanueva, 121, Mexico, at 2:08 of the second in a scheduled six.

Edward Parker, 132, won a unanimous decision over Cedric

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Powell, 130, six.
Ty Horne, 141½, Houston, won a unanimous decision over Frank Govea, 141, Austin, six.
Referee— B. Yeates, R. Gonzales.
Judges—D. McCullough, B. Martin, T. Sechelski.
Timekeeper: T. Ferris
Knockdown Timer: H. Echols.
Ringside Physician—Dr. P. Branford.
Houston Boxing Association.
(03-12-86)

TENNESSEE

▶**MEMPHIS—New Daisy Theatre**—Michael Greer, 197¾, Memphis, kayoed Willard Dumas, 225, Cincinnati, at 2:59 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Dumas was a last minute sub for Larry Gives. Greer, the WBC's seventh ranked cruiserweight, is now 23-5-1.
Lester Yarbrough, 156, Jackson, Tenn., won a unanimous decision over Doc Gray, 159¾, Memphis, six.
Ronald Stafford, 168, Covington, Tenn., won a unanimous decision over Bruce Card, 167, Memphis, four.
Chuck Glover, 148¼, Covington, TKO'd Jerry Strickland, 142, Cincinnati, at 1:35 of the third round in their scheduled four.
Bryan Grant, 160¼, Memphis, won a unanimous decision over Tommy Jeans, 154, Memphis, four.
Referees—Jimm Kidd, Sam Garland, Tick Tock Tucker.
Judges—Garland, Beam, Watts, Hadley, McCullough, Roach.
Timekeeper—Ron Cardoni.
Ring Announcer—Sleepy Rutherford.
Ring Physician—Dr. Joseph Wilhite.
Promoter—Tom Harmon.
Matchmaker—Red Fortner.
Attendance—600 (estimated).
(03-04-86)

MICHAEL GLENN

CANADA

ALBERTA

▶**CALGARY—Corral**—1984 Olympic heavyweight silver medalist Willie de Wit, 215, battered Jeff Jordan, 207, Columbus, Ohio, in the scheduled 10-round main event, with Jordan's corner throwing in the towel after the fourth.
De Wit is now 10-0-1 with eight knockouts. Jordan is 17-6.
Don Fiddler, Calgary, TKO'd Gasper Bonomo, Edmonton, at 0:42 of round four, lightweights.
Les Wisniewski, Calgary, won a unanimous decision over Jimmy Cheung, Edmonton, six, welterweights.
Ken Billinghurst, Jr., Calgary, and Alfred Lambert, Calgary, drew, eight, middleweights. Billinghurst is now 3-0-2. Lambert is 1-0-2.
Attendance—6,121.
(03-20-86)

NOVA SCOTIA

▶**HALIFAX—Forum**—Southpaw Ricky Anderson, 146 1/2, regained the Canadian welterweight title with a unanimous decision over John Herbert, 147, Vancouver, 12. The scores were 120-108 (twice) and 117-110. Anderson is now 17-2. Herbert is 18-10.
Cedric Parsons, 198 1/2, Halifax, TKO'd Tim Bullock, 192, Detroit, at 2:01 of the fourth session in a scheduled eight.
Gerry Meekison, 155, Dartmouth, broke Kevin Daigle's nose in the fourth round and Daigle, 157, New York, was unable to answer the bell for round five. Meekison is now 6-0.
Kevin MacIntyre, 161 1/2, Moncton, won a split decision over Marcel Gobeil, 169 1/2, Dartmouth, four.
Mike Holloway, 144, Dartmouth, won a split verdict over Benoit Boudreau, 141, Shediac, four.
Referees—P. Talbot, H. Garvey, H. Earle.
Judges—S. Isner, F. McNeil, R. Bryden, F. Wilson.
Timekeeper—C. Alguire.
Knockdown Timer—B. Alguire.
Ring Announcer—A. Hollingsworth.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. E. Johnson, Dr. A. Sebastian.
Promoter-Roy Springett.
Attendance—2,500.
(03-04-86)

FRANK ALLNUTT

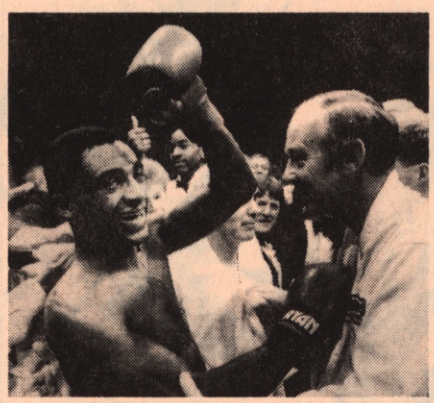
SOUTH AMERICA

COLOMBIA

▶**CARTAGENA**—Felipe Julio won the Colombian junior lightweight crown with a third round TKO over Javier Cassiani.
Adolfo Gonzalez retained his Colombian featherweight crown with a unanimous decision over Luis Berrio, Cartagena, 10. Gonzalez was floored in the first round. Berrio was down in the third and sixth.
Alvaro Bohorquez outscored Franklin Salas, eight, feathers.
(02-14-86)
▶**SAN ANDRES**—Miguel Maturana kayoed Marciano Hernandez in the second round, bantamweights.
Jorge Manchego outscored Emiro Olivera, eight, welters.
Luis Mendoza kayoed Tomas Maza in the fourth round, flyweights.
(02-15-86)
▶**BUCARAMANGA**—Raul Diaz TKO'd Rafael Betancourt in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round flyweight contest.
(02-28-86)
▶**TIERRALTA**—Alvaro Bohorquez, Valencia, Cordoba, kayoed Continental Americas featherweight champion Pedro Perez, Cartagena, in the third round of a scheduled 10-round non-title bout.
Adolfo Gonzalez, Monteria, outpointed Alfonso Diaz, Cartagena, 10, featherweights.
(03-01-86)

LUIS A. GONZALEZ

EUROPE



England's Herol (Bomber) Graham celebrates his 10th round TKO over Ayub Kalule for the European middleweight title in Sheffield, England.

UNITED KINGDOM

▶**SHEFFIELD—City Hall**—Britain can claim its best period in European boxing for some time. Herol Graham, 159¼, became their sixth current European champion when he stopped middleweight title-holder Ayub Kalule, 159¾, Denmark, French referee Edmund Horn intervening at 2:10 of round 10 in a scheduled 12 with Kalule under intense pressure.
Even taking into consideration that the Ugandan-born Kalule is now in the veteran stage, and is in fact a former WBA light middleweight champion, it was still a fine performance by Graham, who won practically every round up to the stoppage.
Graham was cut by the left eye in round seven, the first time he had been cut in his career. He also bled from the nose and mouth, but he overcame these handicaps in champion-like style, and although the 32-year-old Kalule was still on his feet when the stoppage came, he couldn't have lasted much longer.
This was Graham's 36th successive win. He now becomes a top rated contender.
Graham, of course, is the British middleweight champion, and his stablemate, Brian Anderson, Sheffield, 159½, won an official eliminator for Herol's title when he stopped Steve Johnson, also 159½, Liverpool, referee Sid Nathan intervening at 1:00 of round five in a scheduled 10 after Johnson had been down from a right uppercut.
Sam Storey, Belfast, 161¾, outpointed Sean O'Phoenix, 162½, Dublin, over six twos, referee Ron Hackett scoring it 59-58. Both were down.
Sean Casey, 113½, Derry, won every round in outpointing Seamus Tuohy, 115, Manchester, referee Alan Richardson scoring it 60-57 after six twos. Casey's cuts by the left eye needed seven stitches.
Gary Stretch, St. Helens, 154¼, kayoed Manny Romain, 156, Edinburgh, at 1:44 of round two in a scheduled eight twos after decking him twice.
Doug Calderwood, 163, easily outpointed Deano Wallace, 164, Wolverhampton, referee Hackett scoring it 79-77 after eight twos. Wallace was floored in round six.
Paul Smith, Sheffield, 156, beat Kevin Hughes, 156¾, referee Alan Richardson intervening at 0:55 of round five in a scheduled six twos after Hughes had been down.
(02-05-86)
▶**LONDON—York Hall**—Mo Hussein, West Ham, 134¼, won the Southern Area lightweight title by outpointing champion Mickey Durvan, 135, referee Roland Dakin scoring it 98½-98 after 10. Hussein had been inactive for three months, but quickly settled down and floored his man four times in round six. Yet Durvan came back so well that it was as close as the scoreline suggests.
Johnny Graham, 165, Camden Town, made it five in a row by outpointing sub Bobby Williams, 164¼, Southampton, referee Dakin casting it 80-76, indicating that Graham had won every one of the eight (two-minute) rounds. Williams put up a grim battle, especially in the first half of the fight.
Johnny Harrison, 147, Battersea, scored his eighth successive win when he outpointed Dave Heaver, 150, Doncaster, referee Ritchie Davies' scorecard showing 60-57, indicating that Harrison had won every every one of the six (two-minute) rounds.
Peter Bell, 125½, Dagenham, stopped John Devine, 126½, Camden Town, referee Davis intervening at 1:51 of round three in a scheduled six twos after Devine had been down.
George Moody, 149½, Rayleigh, beat Reg Locker, Bournemouth, 148, referee Davies calling a halt at 1:40 of round three in another scheduled six twos. Locker was cut by the left eye.
Andy Sinclair, 138½, outpointed Paul Wetter, Newport, 140, referee Davies scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.
(01-23-86)
▶**DURHAM—Sherburn Sports Centre**—Billy Laidman, 128, Durham, easily outpointed Joey Dee, Alfreton, 129, referee Fred Potter casting it 60-58½, indicating that Laidman hadn't lost a round. It was the first time Billy had boxed in his hometown.
Mark Needham, 130, Dinnington, stopped Phil Johnson, 128, Southport, referee Arnold Bryson intervening at 0:57 of round

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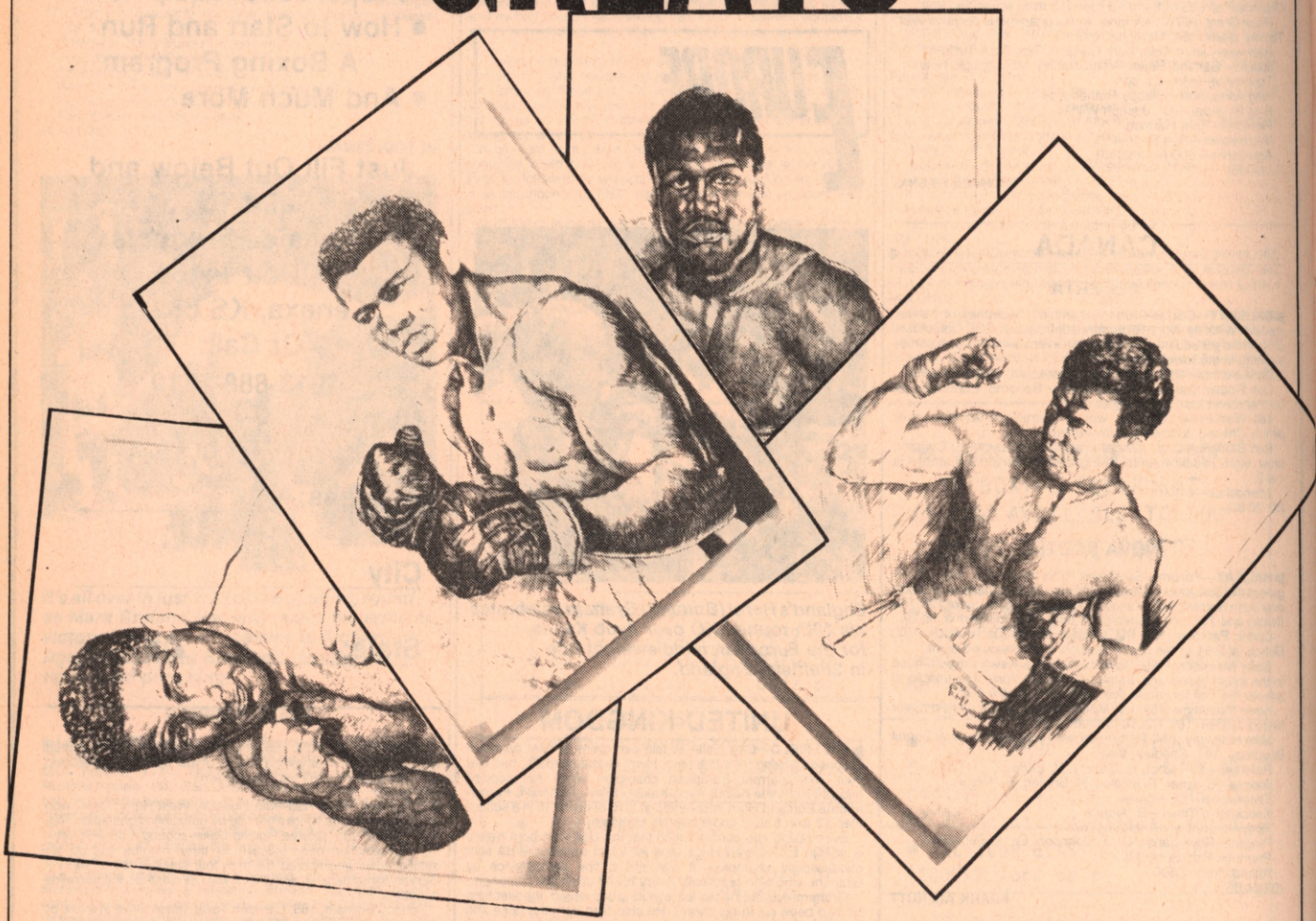

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three after Johnson had been down three times.

Peter Phillips, 144, Dinnington, gave weight and outpointed debutant Mike Breen, 152, Manchester, over four by 39½-38½. (01-24-86)

▶**TUNBRIDGE WELLS—Assembly Hall**—Former British and European light middleweight champion Jimmy Cable, 160¾, Orpington, outpointed T.P. Jenkins, 164¾, Brentford, referee Larry O'Connell casting it a narrow 79-78½ over eight. Cable's left eye was cut in round four, and proved a handicap.

Paul McKenzie, 137¾, Peckham, outpointed Paul Dawson, 137¾, referee O'Connell casting it 79½-78 after eight twos.

George Kerr, 147½, Lewisham and Dundee, stopped Joe Lynch, 154, Plymouth, referee O'Connell calling a halt at 1:45 of round three in a scheduled six twos after Lynch had been down twice. Both were warned for misuse of the head.

Chubby Martin, 136, Islington, outpointed Renard Ashton, 139, Luton, over six twos, referee Jack Snipe scoring it 59½-58.

Graham Jenner, 164¾, Hastings, outscored Tony Stevens, 164, Hackney, referee Snipe casting it 59-58½.

J.J. Smith, 164, Tunbridge Wells, stopped George Mack, 165¼, the intervention coming at 1:15 of round four in a scheduled six twos after Mack had been under continuous pressure. (01-21-86)

▶**STOKE—Trentham Gardens**—Lloyd Hibbert, 154, Birmingham, comfortably outpointed Johnny Elliott, 153, Telford, referee John Coyle scoring it 79-77½ after eight. Hibbert thus continues a successful comeback.

Frankie Lake, 140, Plymouth, won every round in outpointing Steve Tempro, 142, Leicester, referee Coyle casting it 60-57 after six.

Shane Porter, 125, Bedford, outpointed Peter Bowen, also 125, referee Geoff Clark scoring it 59½-58 after six. Bowen was down in round three.

Tim Hand, 156, Luton, outpointed Dean Murray, 154, Birmingham, referee Clark's card showing 59½-58½ after six, but not everyone agreed. Both were debutants.

Ronnie Stephenson, 124, Dorchester, outpointed Paddy Maguire, 125, over four by a narrow 39½-39. (01-22-86)

▶**SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club**—Former British flyweight champion Kelvin Smart, 117½, Caerphilly, looked ring-rusty in narrowly outpointing Midlands Area bantam champion Rocky Lawlor, 119½, referee Jim Pridding scoring it 78½-78 after eight. Smart had been inactive for 14 months, and finished with a cut by the right eye that needed a couple of stitches.

Northern Area welter champ Ken Foreman, 142½, beat Simon Eubanks, 143, who was disqualified by referee Pridding at 2:50 of the opening round in a scheduled eight for an alleged low blow. When they met previously, Foreman won on points.

Gary Flear, Solihull, 144, narrowly outpointed Andrew Mayers, 140¾, Birmingham, over eight twos, referee John Keane scoring it 79-78½. It was as close as the scoreline suggests, and Mayers wasn't happy with the verdict.

Wally Reynolds, 142, Solihull, the son of former British champion Wally Swift, kept his unbeaten record by stopping Teddy Anderson, 141, Wickford, referee Keane intervening at 1:35 of round six in a scheduled eight twos when Anderson was well behind and under pressure.

Adrian Staples, 121¾, Pontypridd, didn't lose a round in outpointing Kevin Downer, 121, Shoreditch, referee Keane scoring it 80-77½ after eight twos. (01-22-86)

▶**STOKE—Kings Hall**—Anthony Brown, 124, St. Helens, outpointed Les Walsh, 124, Manchester, over 10, referee Paul Thomas scoring it 99-96½. This was for the Screen Sport featherweight title. Brown was down in round two, but came back in brilliant fashion.

Noel Magee, 171, Alsager, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Blaine Longsden, 174, Manchester, referee Thomas scoring it 80-76, which means Magee won every one of the eight (two-minute) rounds. Longsden was down three times in round one, but came back well.

Wayne Crolla, Manchester, 158, outpointed Lee Woolis, Alfreton, 154, referee Bryan Arnott casting it 59½-58. Many thought Woolis unlucky.

Ted Jay, 189, Clapham, remained unbeaten after outpointing Chris Devine, 188, Chesterfield, over six twos by a narrow 59½-59.

Garry Booth, 153, Manchester, outpointed Clayon Stewart, 150, Paddington, in a clash of debutants. Referee Arnott cast it 60-58 after six twos. (01-23-86)

▶**DUDLEY—Town Hall**—Tony Meszaros, Birmingham, stopped Mickey Kidd, Bedworth, referee John Coyle intervening at 1:38 of round four after Kidd had been down. This was a welterweight bout.

Peter Till, 135, Bloxwich, outpointed George Jones, 134, Telford, referee Coyle scoring it a narrow 78½-78 over eight twos.

Darren Bowen, 147, Wednesbury, stopped Paul Seddon, 142, Bedworth, referee Geoff Clarke intervening at 1:57 of round three in a scheduled six twos after Seldon had been down twice.

Gary Somerville, 143, Birmingham, outpointed Geoff Calder, also 143, Kidderminster, referee Clarke casting it 59½-58½ over six twos.

Martin Kielty, 159, Birmingham, stopped Ruben Fairley, Leicester, referee Jarvis Greenidge intervening at 1:55 of round four in a scheduled six twos. Fairley had been down in round four.

Mick Lerwill, Telford, 147, outpointed Lennie Gloster, 144, Peterborough, referee Clarke scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos. Lerwill was cut by the left eye. (01-26-86)

▶**MIDDLESBOROUGH—Marton Country Club**—Billy Buchanan, 141¼, Glasgow, outpointed Jeff Decker, 142¾, over eight twos, referee Arnold Bryson casting it 79½-78½.

Steve Goodwin, 182, Liverpool, outpointed Barry Ahmed, 176¼, South Shields, referee Bryson scoring it 79½-78½ after eight twos.

Bill Smith, 135, Newcastle, stopped Ted Mahaffay, 137¼, Blackpool, referee Bryson intervening at 0:25 of round two in a scheduled four twos after Mahaffay had been down.

John Conlon, 146, Liverpool, outpointed Mike McKenzie, Glasgow, 153, referee Bryson's card showing 59½-58 after six twos. (01-27-86)

▶**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Charlie Watson, 151, beat sub Ian Chantler, 150, St. Helens, referee Harry Warner intervening at 2:05 of round four in a scheduled six when Chantler was cut by the right eye.

Carl Crook, 132, Chorley, stopped Russell Jones, Rhondda, 131, referee Warner calling a halt at 1:46 of round four in a scheduled six twos after Jones had been down briefly and was under pressure.

Gary Fairclough, 208, Chorley, stopped Dave Sheldon, also 208, Leicester, referee Keith Garner intervening at 1:35 of the opening round in a scheduled six twos after Sheldon had been down and was cut by the left eye.

After four years' inactivity, Carl Cleasby, 123, came back to outpoint George Bailey, 120, Bradford, referee Garner casting it a narrow 59-58½ over six twos. (01-27-86)

▶**LONDON—Alexandra Pavilion**—Terry Marsh, 138½, kept his European light welterweight title by outpointing Frenchman Tex Nkalankete, 137¼, over 12 rounds. The verdict of the three officials was unanimous.

Scorecards were: referee Henk Adriannse, 119-116; judge Gaston Frantz, 118-117; judge Fernando Paredes Fernandez, 119-118.

A tough encounter, and a tribute to the fitness of both men. The pace was a fast one and both were weary at the close. Marsh looked to have won it by more than the scores of the two judges.

Both had injuries. Marsh was cut by the left eye in round nine and bled from the nose. The challenger had a swelling around the right eye in round seven. Nkalankete was warned three times for misuse of the head in round 10, and in the later stages Marsh shifted to a southpaw stance from time to time.

After 14 months' inactivity, Tony Sibson, Commonwealth middleweight champion, 160¼, returned to knock out Mexican Juan Elizondo, 159½, in 0:47 of round two in a scheduled 10. Harry Gibbs, referee.

Sibson wasted no time. Elizondo was down briefly just after the opening bell, and early in the following round a lethal left hook put him down again. He was up at eight, only to be floored by a similar punch which looked even harder than the first. The back of his head hit the ring floor, and he had no chance of beating the count.

A devastating display of punching by Sibson, who served notice that he is a threat to the best in the world.

George Collins, 147½, Camberley, kept his unbeaten record in stopping Mexican Andres Uribe, 145¾, referee Harry Gibbs intervening at 2:45 of round one in a scheduled eight, after Uribe had been down.

Floyd Havard, Merthyr, 129¾, outpointed Sugar Gibiliru, 133, Liverpool, referee Dave Parris scoring it 59½-58 after six.

Tony Graham, 131½, stopped Barry Bacon, 134, referee Parris calling a halt at the end of the opening round in a scheduled six when Bacon was cut by the left eye.

Andy Cox stopped Rory Callaghan, referee Parris intervening at 1:20 of round four in a scheduled six when Callaghan was cut by the right eye. (01-22-86)

▶**GLASGOW—Whitbread Sporting Club**—Scottish light middleweight champion John McAllister, 153¾, outpointed sub Steve Davies, Pembroke, 155, referee Len Mullen scoring it 79½-77½ over eight. McAllister was cut near the left eye.

Steve Kiernan, 143½, Moodieburn, kayoed Alistair Laurie, 144½, Selkirk, in 1:58 of round seven in a scheduled eight. Billy Rafferty, referee.

Robert Harkin, Rainford, 144, stopped Dave Haggarty, also 144, Paisley, referee Mullen intervening at 1:22 of the sixth and final round with Haggarty cut near the left eye and under pressure.

Billy Cairns, 151, Glasgow, outpointed Claude Rosse, 154, Derby, referee Rafferty casting it 59½-57½ after six. Cairns was cut near the left eye. (01-27-86)

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
2. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
3. Hughroy Currie (Great Britain)
4. Proud Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
5. Horace Notice (Great Britain)
6. Funso Banjo (Great Britain)
7. Dave Russell (Australia)
8. Mike Simwelu (Zambia)
9. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
10. Conroy Nelson (Canada)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
1. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
2. John Odhiambo (Kenya)
3. Sammy Reeson (Great Britain)
4. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
5. Stewart Lithgo (Great Britain)
6. Young Dempsey (Canada)
7. Eddie Melo (Canada)
8. Ernie Barr (Bahamas)
9. Cedric Parsons (Canada)
10. Roy Smith (Great Britain)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
1. Prince Mama Muhammad (Ghana)
2. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
3. Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
4. Flash Chisango (Zimbabwe)
5. Wally Carr (Australia)
6. Flash Chisango (Zimbabwe)
7. Enoch Chama (Zambia)
8. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
9. Doug Sam (Australia)
10. Don LaLonde (Canada)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
2. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
3. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
4. Michael Olajide (Canada)
5. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
6. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
7. Brian Anderson (Great Britain)
8. Jimmy Price (Great Britain)
9. Paul Muyodi (Uganda)
10. Lou Cafaro (Australia)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Nick Wilshire (Great Britain)
1. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
2. John Mugabi (Uganda)
3. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
4. Chris Pyatt (Great Britain)
5. Prince Rodney (Great Britain)
6. John Munduga (Uganda)
7. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
8. Gary Cooper (Great Britain)
9. David Noel (Trinidad)
10. Brian Muller (Guyana)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
1. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
2. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
3. David Hilton (Canada)
4. Brian Janssen (Australia)
5. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
6. Rocky Kelly (Great Britain)
7. Judas Clottey (Ghana)
8. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
9. Stone Phiri (Zambia)
10. Charles Nwokoloe (Nigeria)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Billy Famous (Nigeria)
1. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
2. Pat Leglise (Australia)
3. Tony Laing (Great Britain)
4. Mohammed Kawoya (Uganda)
5. Lloyd Christie (Great Britain)
6. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
7. John Herbert (Canada)
8. Ricky Anderson (Canada)
9. Barrington Cambridge (Guyana)
10. Joseph Alexander (Trinidad)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry Michael (Australia)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Great Britain)
2. Terrence Alli (Guyana)
3. Dale Artango (Australia)
4. Graeme Brooke (Australia)
5. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
6. Tony Willis (Great Britain)
7. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
8. Ian McLeod (Great Britain)
9. Sam Ago Kotey (Ghana)
10. Paul Chance (Great Britain)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
John Sichula (Zambia)
1. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
2. Tony Miller (Australia)
3. Patrick Ford (Guyana)
4. John Doherty (Great Britain)
5. Najib Daho (Great Britain)
6. Ray Akway (Zimbabwe)
7. Sam Akromah (Ghana)
8. Hakeem Ali (Nigeria)
9. Pat Doherty (Great Britain)
10. Percy Israel (Australia)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
2. Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
3. Jim McDonnell (Great Britain)
4. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
5. Clyde Ruan (Great Britain)
6. Modest Napunyi (Kenya)
7. John Feeney (Great Britain)
8. Charles Mandaya (Zimbabwe)
9. Tony Pep (Canada)
10. Robert Dickie (Great Britain)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
2. Ray Gilbody (Great Britain)
3. Jeff Fenech (Australia)
4. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
5. John Farrell (Great Britain)
6. Rob Webb (Great Britain)
7. Billy Hardy (Great Britain)
8. Joe Orewa (Nigeria)
9. Chris Ash (Ghana)
10. Titus Samwenda (Zimbabwe)

FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
2. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
3. Richard Clarke (Jamaica)
4. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
5. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
6. Junior Thompson (Australia)
7. Dave McAuley (Great Britain)
8. Charlie Brown (Great Britain)
9. Gabriel Kuphey (Great Britain)
10. Jimmy Young (Nigeria)

▶**BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club**—Wally Reynolds, Birmingham, 140, outpointed Frankie Lake, Plymouth, 139, referee Frank Parkes scoring it 79½-77½ after eight.

Ronnie Fraser, Birmingham, 162, outpointed Sean West, 163, Alfreton, over six, referee John Keane casting it 59½-57½.

Mark Champney, 126, Bournemouth, kayoed Paddy Maguire, Birmingham, 125, in 1:25 of round five in a scheduled six twos. John Keane, referee.

Dai Davies, 154, Merthyr, beat sub Dean Murray, also 154, Birmingham, who retired at the end of round four after having been down twice.

Pat Loftus, 126, Peterborough, drew with Glen McClaggon, 138, Cardiff, six. Frank Parkes, referee.
(02-03-86)

▶**MERTON—Civic Hall**—Debutant Bobby Wells, 214, outpointed Chris Devine, Chesterfield, 191, over six, referee Mike Jacobs casting it 59-58. Former Olympic Bronze Medalist Wells floored his man in round four, but Devine used his speed to good effect and made a fine recovery, and seemed to do better than the scoreline suggests. Wells was cut near the left eye, Devine near the right.

Derrick Williams, 220, Battersea, outpointed Steve Gee, 224, Birmingham, over six, referee Jacobs casting it a narrow 59-58½.

Karl Barwise, 162½, Tooting, outpointed Steve Ward, 163, Nottingham, over six, referee Jacobs' card showing 59-58 after six.

Andrew Furlong, 136, outpointed Marvin P. Gray, 139, Wandsworth, over six twos.

Simon Paul, Hackney, outpointed Charles Dackombe, 150, Streatham, over six twos, referee Parris scoring it 59-58½.
(01-30-86)

▶**LONDON—Dulwich Baths**—Johnny Williamson, 155½, New Cross, kayoed Mickey Bird, 152, Chesterfield, in round three with a left hook that sent him down, his head banging against the canvas. Bird was grazed by the left eye, and Williamson had a swelling by the left eye. Mike Jacobs, referee.

Alan Baptiste, 168, Luton, kayoed Paul Gamble, 165, Norwich, in 2:15 of the eighth and final (two-minute) round with a right to the head. Baptiste had been down twice and looked behind on points at that stage. Nobbins came in. Mike Jacobs, referee.

Chris Blake, 148, Croydon, stopped sub Dave Heaver, 153, Doncaster, referee Ritchie Davies intervening as the bell ended round three in a scheduled eight twos. Heaver had been down from a left hook.

Gary King, 127, Luton, narrowly outpointed Ronnie Mayer, 128¼, referee Davies scoring it 59-58½ after six twos. A close one, which might have gone either way.

Stewart Fisher-Mac, 120½, Luton, beat Terry Ashman, 118, Deptford, who was retired at the end of round five in a scheduled six twos with an injured left hand. Fisher-Mac looked well ahead.

Debutant Paul Stockton, 138, Bromley, didn't lose a round outpointing Norris Dennis, 139, Luton, over six twos, referee Davies casting it 60-58.
(02-03-86)

▶**SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club**—Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 170, outpointed Geoff Rymer, 177, Hull, over six twos, referee Harry Gibbs scoring it 59½-58½.

Andy Cox, 141, Woodham Ferrers, outpointed Nicky Day, 140, Southampton, referee Dave Parris casting it a narrow 59-58½ over six twos.

Sub Paul McKenzie, 136, didn't lose a round in outpointing Paul Dawson, 140, Kingston, over six twos, referee Parris casting it 60-58. This confirmed a previous points win. McKenzie had only four hours' notice of this fight.

Jim Beckett, 149, Woodham Ferrers, outpointed Mark Simpson, 150, Brighton, over six twos, referee Gibbs scoring it 59½-58.
(02-04-86)

▶**DONCASTER—Adwick Leisure Centre**—Pat Cowdell, 134½ (his heaviest ever), came back after his quick title defeat by Azumah Nelson to stop Steve Griffiths, 135, Finchley, referee Mickey Vann intervening at 2:21 of round six in a scheduled eight—Griffiths still on his feet, but Cowdell miles ahead on points.

Dave Griffiths, Cardiff, 142½, stopped Simon Eubanks, 141½, Brighton, referee Vann intervening in round two after Eubanks had been down three times.

Denys Cronin, 158½, stopped Seamus Casey, 156, Alfreton, referee Vann calling a halt at 2:33 of the sixth and final round after Casey had been floored.

Mick Cawdon, 200, Doncaster, outpointed Stever Garber, 216½, Bradford, referee Keith Garner scoring it 59-58 after six.

Garry Williams, 140, Doncaster, outpointed Peter Crook, 141,

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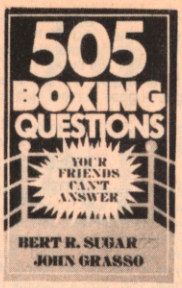

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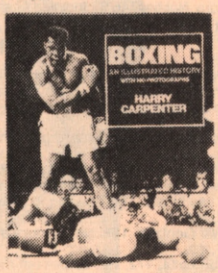

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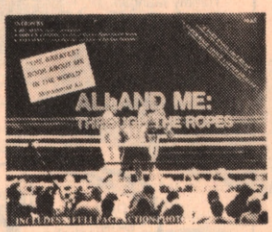

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Chorley, over six, referee Garner casting it 59½-58. Crook was down, and cut near the right eye.

Dean Bramhald, 134½, Doncaster, outpointed Stuart Carmichael, 133, Hull, by 79½-78 over eight. A previous meeting ended in a draw.
(02-06-86)

▶**GLASGOW—Plaza Ballroom**—Alex Dickson, 137, Larkhall, stopped Andy Williams, 138, Newport, referee Len Mullen intervening at 1:31 of round four in a scheduled eight. Dickson was cut by the mouth and Williams by the left eye, which prompted the stoppage.

Gary Jacobs, 150, Glasgow, made it seven in a row by stopping Courtney Phillips, London, 151½, referee Mullen calling a halt at 1:57 of round five in a scheduled eight twos after Phillips had been down.

Scot Peter Bradley, 131, didn't lose a round outpointing Eddie Lloyd, Rhyl, 132¼, scoreline 80-77½ after eight twos. Lloyd was injured around both eyes, and was down in round three.

Dave Savage, 132, Glasgow, narrowly outpointed Paul Downie, Glasgow, 131½, referee Danny McCafferty scoring it 59-58½ after six.

Billy Cairns, 142½, Glasgow, easily outpointed Londoner Paul McKenzie, 145, referee McCafferty casting it 59½-58 after six.

Debutant Harry Mullen, 150½, Glasgow, didn't lose a round outpointing Steve Ward, Nottingham, 156, referee Len Mullen casting it 60-57½ after six. Mullen was cut and bruised by the right eye.
(02-10-86)

▶**LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club**—Blaine Longsden, 176, Warrington, stopped Alan Torrence, 176¼, referee Ron Hackett intervening at 0:52 of round three in a scheduled eight after Torrence had been down twice.

Peter Ashcroft, 142, Liverpool, beat Gary Lucas, 141, Liverpool, referee Brian Hogg calling a halt at 2:00 of the opening round in a scheduled six with Lucas under pressure.

Debutant Peter Brown, Bradford, 163, drew with Gavin Stirrup, Manchester, six.

Ray Taylor, Great Harwood, 141½, outpointed J.J. Mudd, 142, Liverpool, over six, referee Hackett scoring it a narrow 59-58½.
(02-03-86)

▶**NOTTINGHAM—Great International Club**—Andrew Mayers, 139, Birmingham, outpointed Gerry Beard, 144, Nottingham, referee Paul Thomas casting it 79-77½ after eight twos.

Tony Richards, 134, Nottingham, outpointed Billy Smith, Newcastle, also 134, over six, the referee scoring it 59½-58.

Elvis Morton, 148, Leicester, drew with Darren Bowen, also 148, West Bromwich, over six twos.

Mark Needham, 129, Sheffield, outpointed Joey Dee, 131, Alfreton, over six by 59½-58.
(02-03-86)

▶**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Gavin Stirrup, 158, Middleton, narrowly outpointed Cliff Domville, 155½, Liverpool, referee Harry Warner scoring it 78½-78 after eight. Many thought the verdict should have gone to Domville.

Mark Walker, 175, Warrington, drew with Ronnie Tucker, 176, Sheffield, over six twos. Harry Warner, referee.

Karl Ince, 148, Preston, stopped Frank Graham, 154, Alfreton, at 1:15 of round four in a scheduled six twos when referee Bill Cowsell called a halt after Graham had been down and was cut near the left eye.

G.L. Booth, 147, Manchester, narrowly outpointed Ned Newbold, 149, referee Warner casting it 59-58½ after six twos.
(02-10-86)

▶**DUBLIN**—Supports to McGuigan vs. Cabrera: Roy Webb, Larne, 120, stopped Juan Castellanos, 115, Mexico, referee Barney Wilson intervening at 2:24 of round three in a scheduled eight after Juan had been down from a right hook.

Dave McAuley, 116½, Larne, kept his unbeaten record by defeating former British flyweight champion Kelvin Smart, 115, Caerphilly, who was disqualified at 2:22 of round six in a scheduled eight for a low blow after having been previously warned. Freddie Teidt, referee.

Mick Queally, 173½, Newry, stopped Ronnie Fraser, 175, Birmingham, referee Wilson calling a halt at 2:30 of round four in a scheduled six with Fraser under pressure. Queally was cut by the right eye.

Peter Eubanks, 140, Brighton, beat All-Ireland champion Gary Muir, 139½, referee Teidt intervening at 1:22 of round three in a scheduled six when Muir was cut by the left eye.

Seamus McDonough, 198, Galway, won every round in outpointing Tony Tricker, 219½, London, referee Wilson scoring it 40-38. This was McDonough's first bout in his own country after two wins in the United States.

Rocky McGran, 159½, Belfast, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Paul Smith, 159½, Sheffield, over six. Referee Teidt's score was not announced.
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▶**LEUMEAH—Campbelltown Rugby League Club**—Undefeated Paul Toweel, 157½, floored John Siriotis, 150¼, Darwin, twice and stopped him at 1:12 of the first round in a scheduled ten. John Cauchi, referee.

Nemani Rakadi, 153¼, outpointed Miguel Pimentel, 148¼, six.

Tony Porrata, 165½, stopped Sam Parsons, 162½, in the fourth and final session.
(02-12-86)

▶**MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Tommy Woods, 141¼, returned to action after 16 months and outscored Glenn Hillier, 142½, 10. A good fight that drew a shower of notes and coins from appreciative ringsiders. Hillier was decked in the last frame.

Darwin North, 147¾, outpointed Les Mathers, 154½, eight. Good bout.

Charlie Lewis, 135¼, halted Bobby Mastro, 128¼, in round two of a slated six due to an eye injury. Mastro slipped and hit his eye on Lewis' knee. The optic swelled tight shut, and the referee stopped the bout.

Robert Newton, 149¾, stopped Steve Henry, 152½, in the first round of another scheduled six. Henry was down twice before the referee intervened.

Mario Chrisfulli, 127¾, kayoed Phillip Screen, 131, in the third round of a scheduled four.
(02-19-86)

▶**PORT KEMBLA—Leagues Club**—Alex Temelkov, 165¼, won a close but unanimous decision over Joe Knight, 158¼, Fiji, 10. Temelkov was down in the final round.

Miguel Pimentel, 145½, and Nooky Curyer, 158¾, drew, 10.
(02-28-86)

▶**MOORE PARK—Hordern Pavilion**—Kelvin Seabrooks, 117, celebrating his 23rd birthday, knocked out fellow American Freddie Jackson, 119, with a beautiful right to the jaw in 2:40 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Paul Moore, referee.

Kevin Wagstaff, 186, retained his Australian cruiserweight title with a lopsided unanimous decision over Tiger Hamo, 183½, 12. Both men took too many punches.

Peter Mitrevski, 110, retained his New South Wales State flyweight title with a unanimous decision over John Dabbene, 111, 10. Too much clinching on the part of Dabbene.

Shane Knox, 128, stopped Marty Feighan, 127½, in the sixth round of their scheduled 10. Knox was ahead on points when Feighan shook him in the fatal session. Shane immediately took charge and decked Feighan twice. Marty made it up at seven on the second knockdown but was dazed, and referee Brian McMahon stopped the bout. Watch Shane Knox.

Norm Stevens, 133, and comebacking Lachie Williams, 129, drew, eight, A good contest, with the verdict being split three ways.

Attendance—2,000 (estimated).
(03-10-86)

QUEENSLAND

▶**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Australian lightweight champion Dale Artango, 138, won a unanimous (99-92, 99-92, 99-93) decision over American Sam Johnson, 137, 10. Artango came off the floor in the first round to give Johnson a good boxing lesson.

Matereti Valu, 172, halted Tom West, 176, with three knockdowns in the second round of a scheduled eight.

Rod Price, 150, won a majority decison over Danny Davies, 143, eight. Good, close fight.

Johnny Fooks, 133, stopped Shane Spencer, 134, at the end of five rounds in a slated six. Spencer's eyes were almost swollen shut.

Cyclone George, 135, halted John Crouch, also 135, in the third round in their scheduled six.

Rick Thornberry, 159, outscored Gary Tomlinson, 156, six. Good bout.

Ashley Byrnes, 157, halted Kevin McKeon, 163, in the third and final session.

Tony Nobbs, 146, outpointed Graham Fay, 148, three.
(02-17-86)

VICTORIA

▶**PRESTON—Town Hall**—Australian junior lightweight champion Tony Miller, 125¼, won the Australian featherweight title with a unanimous decision over defending title holder Paul Ferreri, 126, 10.

Miller is an aggressive fighter who never takes a backward step. The 38-year-old Ferreri, a classic clever boxer, did not box on this occasion. He may have wanted to see if he could give away 17 years in age and beat the youngster at his own game. He nearly did. The final scores were 117-114, 115-114, and 117-114.

Wilf Gentzen, 139, clearly outscored veteran Brian Roberts, 140, 10.

Joe Lutul, 172, Fiji, outpointed Flash Chisango, 175¼, Zimbabwe, six.

Dave Ramsden, 151½, outscored Russell Richter, 148½, six.

Meho Krkic, 181, Yugoslavia, kayoed Charlie Stockholm, 184, in the second round of a scheduled four.
(02-23-86)

▶**PRESTON—Town Hall**—Wilf Gentzen, 145½, knocked out veteran Leroy King, 143½, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Johnny Sacco, 150, kayoed Johnny Retsus, also 150, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

Ken Carter, 133½, halted Eric Rigney, 132, in the fifth round of their slated six.

Nick Hatzil, 139, outscored Phil Miller, 141½, six.

Tommy Mangan, 127¾, and Ricky Corrigan, 130, drew, six.

Colin Smith, 147, and Graham McKenzie, 141, drew, three.

Shane Kellett, 141, and Austin Taylor, 136½, drew, three.
(03-07-86)

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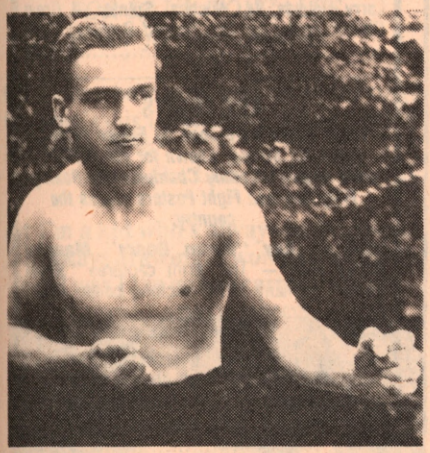

JEFF SMITH, THE "UNCROWNED MIDdleweight Champion," was born Jerome Vincent Jefferds in New York City on April 23, 1891. His family moved to Bayonne, New Jersey where Jeff learned the art of fisticuffs as a youngster. He was known as the "Globetrotter" for his many trips around the world. Smith traveled more mileage than any fighter of his era, covering a total of 500,000 miles in a career that spanned 17 years (1910-1927). He made two complete trips around the world, boxing in every nook and corner of the globe.

Jeff played a major role in popularizing boxing in France, Australia, England and Africa. A master craftsman, who made boxing a science, he fought seven fighters who later became champions. He fought all the leading middleweights and light heavyweights of his era, but never got a shot at the title. Rated as the best middleweight in the world, Smith was proclaimed the "Uncrowned Champion."

He fought Gene Tunney to a 15 round, no-decision, on December 2, 1924 in New Orleans. Tunney, then the American light heavyweight champion, weighed 186 to Jeff's 154. Writing his memoirs after he retired as the undefeated heavyweight champion of the world. Tunney cited Smith as "The craftiest boxer I had ever fought."

Among the other fighters Jeff fought who later became champions were: George Chip, (three times), Mike O'Dowd, Mike McTigue, (three times), Harry Greb, (seven times), George Carpentier, Gene Tunney, and Tommy Loughran, (twice). Others who Jeff fought were: Mike Gibbons, Willie Lewis, Frank Mantell, Eddie McGoorty, Les Darcy, Leo Houck, Eddie Palmer, Mike Glover, Zulu Kid, Johnny Howard, Frankie Carbone, Joe Borrell, Panama Joe Gans, Clay Turner, Jamaica Kid, Bob Roper, Dan Dowd, Lee Anderson, Ray Newman, Chuck Wiggins, Jimmy Clabby, Charley Seiger, Martin Burke, and Young Marullo.

Jeff competed in close to 200 battles during his career and boxed in almost every state of the union. He also fought several times in Halifax, and other parts of Canada and Mexico.

In 1914, Jeff won the Australian world middleweight title by defeating Eddie McGoorty in a 20-round bout. He defended it by beating Pat Bradley and Jimmy Clabby and lost it to Mick King on Nov. 28 1914. Smith regained it one month later and lost the title to Les Darcy, whom he had defended it successfully against four months prior. These bouts were all 20-round contests.

His vision was impaired in a bout with Young Marullo late in his career. Smith retired from the ring in 1927. After his retirement he was appointed boxing instructor of the Bayonne, N.J. public schools and later served in a similar capacity at the Central YMCA. He also served as boxing instructor at Fort Dix, N.J. during World War II. In 1962, Jeff Smith died of a heart attack at Rancocas Valley Hospital in Levittown, N.J. In 1969, he was enshrined into the Boxing Hall of Fame.

BOB LEE, PRESIDENT OF THE IBF/USBA, was honored during a Tribute Roast by friends and members of the boxing fraternity at the Meadowlands Hilton in Secaucus, New Jersey. Besides being roasted by people like Joe Frazier, Matthew Saad Muhhammad, Butch Lewis, Don King, Tim Witherspoon, Chuck Wepner, Al Braverman, Eddie Mustafa Muhammad and Carlo Dee, Lee was also cited for his guidance and leadership in the boxing fraternity. Newark City Council President Ralph T. Grant was the Master of Ceremonies. The proceeds of this event were divided between the American Cancer Society and the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation.

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THE LAST ROUND:
Mickey Davies, 67, popular West Coast fight manager, Matchmaker and promoter, died February, 13, 1986 in his Victorville, California home after a long battle with cancer. The late Davies was matchmaker at the Los Angeles Olympic Auditorium 1963-69 era. He was also a capable assistant to the late George Parnassus at the Olympia, and the L.A. Forum, where he acted as matchmaker since 1982. He will be missed by many around the Los Angeles fight scene . . . Jerome Patterson, 37, brother of former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson was found dead in his Bronx home in the month of March. The cause of death was not immediately known. Jerome's legs had been paralyzed since an auto accident during his teens. Condolences to his brother Floyd and family" . . . Jeff West, 79, a former fighter who was the first trainer of World Boxing Association lightweight champion Livingstone Bramble died on March, 8, 1986 at his home in Passaic, New Jersey. West had been a Golden Gloves and Diamond Gloves boxer in the early 30's and later a pro fighter. Later, he became trainer around the Paterson and Passaic areas of N.J. He was also a member of Ring 9 NVBA of Passaic. ●

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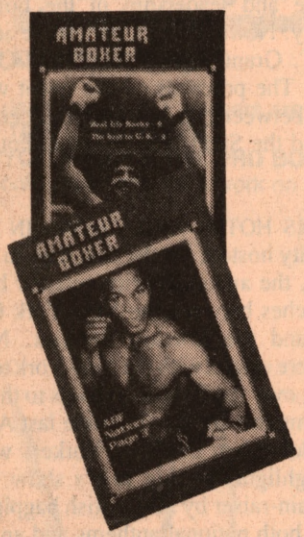

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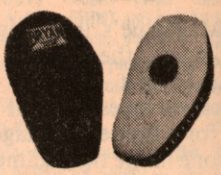

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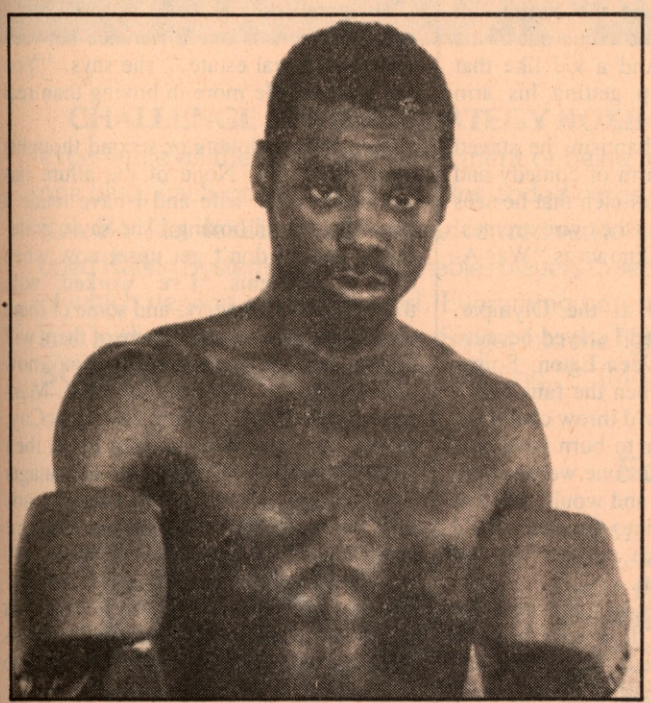

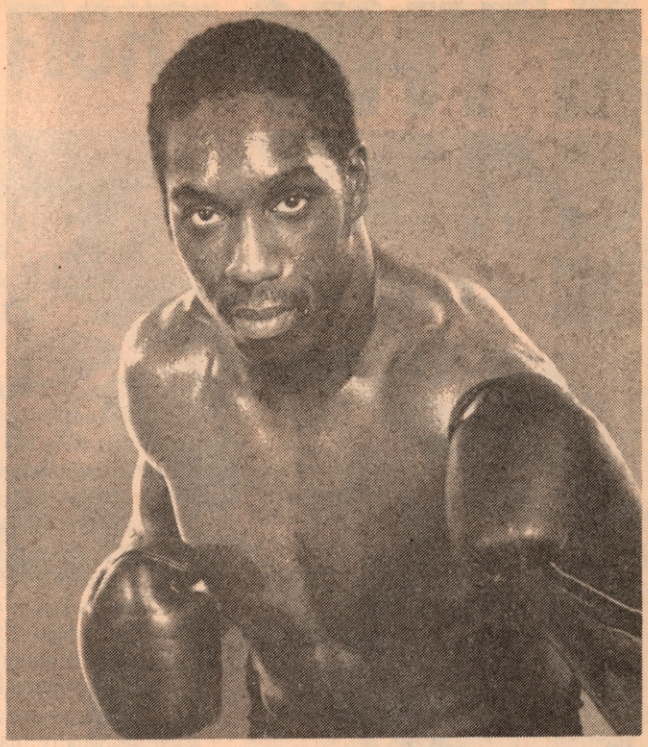

HENRY TILLMAN CRUISERWEIGHT

ALTHOUGH HENRY TILLMAN WON THE HEAVYWEIGHT gold medal at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, he is probably better known for two amateur victories over Mike Tyson during the box-offs. And while Tillman is currently campaigning as a cruiserweight, a pro rematch with Tyson is always a possibility . . . "I'd love to fight Mike again when I move up to heavyweight. It would be great if we both met for the title, both undefeated." . . . A native of Los Angeles, Henry got off to a relatively late start in boxing. He played football and basketball at Fremont High School, and didn't lace on the gloves until he was 21. Nevertheless, Tillman's natural athletic ability carried him all the way to the Olympics where he topped a 37-7 amateur career with a points win over Canadian Willie deWit for the gold . . . Tillman, 25, entered the pro ranks in December of '84 with a second round kayo over Uriah Grant, but suffered a knockdown in the process. It was not the first time Henry's chin has let him down. Tyson had Tillman on the deck before losing on points, and deWit stopped him in an earlier amateur bout . . . Despite a questionable chin, Tillman has remained unbeaten in nine pro outings, with six wins coming inside the distance. In his first scheduled 10-rounder, he outpointed rugged spoiler Reggie Gross, showing good lateral movement and stamina, but little punching power . . . A fine defensive boxer, Tillman is managed by New York entertainment attorney, Donald Zuckerman. He is trained by Mercer Smith, former pro featherweight and lightweight . . . While Henry may dream of a future heavyweight title fight with Tyson, so far, he just doesn't seem strong enough to rumble with the big guys. If Tillman is to repeat his amateur success in the pro ranks, it will probably be as a cruiser. □

IN THIS CORNER

by Christopher Coats

Don Chargin (Promoter)

DON CHARGIN HAS THE FACE OF A SUCcessful man. He has fine white hair, a friendly manner, and distinguished features. He looks like he might be the mayor of Portland, but the 57-year-old Chargin is a boxing promoter . . . the most prominent one on the west coast.

Chargin and his wife, Lorraine, live in the fashionable Bell Canyon district outside of Los Angeles. It is an area with large homes with swimming pools and big lawns. There is hired help to cut the grass. Although it's a classy neighborhood, Chargin's passion lies in downtown L.A. He knows the exact mileage from home to the Olympic Auditorium. Since high school he has had a fascination with promoting and boxing. There were times when he promoted wrestling, wild west shows, rodeo, motorcycle racing, and even tennis. But he always came back to boxing. Now he wouldn't even try to count the fight cards he's put on.

Born in San Jose, his parents would have liked him to become a lawyer, and if his father hadn't taken him to a few fight cards when he was a kid he might have ended up practicing law. After years of working on shows around the San Francisco area, Chargin backed an expensive boxing card only to have the main-event fall apart days before it was to take place. Facing financial ruin, he desperately tried to save the card, and in the kindness of fortune, he struck a deal with famed Los Angeles promoter Eileen Eaton. They made money as co-promoters and shortly afterwards Eaton offered Chargin the job of matchmaker at the Olympic Auditorium. Without blinking an eye, he accepted and moved to L.A.

"I spent years scuffling around and then I felt I finally made it when Mrs. Eaton hired me," he says, sitting comfortably in his breakfast room. "Suddenly I had a full time job! And a good salary, vacation pay, insurance—and for doing something I loved! But you can't imagine what it's like trying to put on a fight card every week of the year. I wasn't ready for it at first. I made some really terrible cards. Sometimes a fighter didn't show up and I'd have to hunt around the auditorium and find a fighter who'd come out of his seat and substitute. And a kid like that would usually end up getting his arm raised."

Though it was his baptism, he stayed for 18 years, in a swarm of comedy and drama. He survived so much that he sees little difference between the two extremes. In Los Angeles he was known as "War-A-Week" Chargin.

"My life changed at the Olympic. When I got discouraged I stayed because of my feelings for Eileen Eaton. Sometimes we had riots, when the fans didn't like the decision. They'd throw chairs out of the balcony and try to burn what was left. For years there was one woman who came to the big fights and would take her clothes off and jump into the ring! We'd have the ushers watch out for her but sometimes she'd get in.

"We'd have mostly a Latin working class crowd and they'd go wild because of her. That's how it was. One time I had to talk a fighter into going through with his bout. It was in 1973 and Javier Ayala was supposed to fight Roberto Duran but he got a change of heart in his dressing room. First he said he had a bad cold. Then his feet itched and he had his handlers take his shoes off. Then he got a stomach ache. But finally he promised me he would fight."

It isn't easy imagining Don Chargin grinding his teeth and getting wildly emotional. But there was a time when he worked too hard and worried too much. Even bourbon didn't help. Fifteen years ago he was standing in a crowded ring waiting for Mando Ramos to show up at the weigh-in for a lightweight title fight. Ramos was an idol, a tremendous attraction in the city, and Don Chargin had a heart attack waiting for him that afternoon. Chargin tried to rest, he drank water, took Alka Seltzer. He waited until after the fight before going to the hospital. Ramos regained his title in front of a capacity crowd, but Don missed the victory party. The next day he had a by-pass operation.

What is unique about Don Chargin is his knowledge of the sport. It pays the bills and it's made his reputation. Like a person gifted at math, he isn't troubled by complexity. He can assess a match between two fighters in an uncanny manner. And despite all the failures and flaws of prizefighters, Chargin has never lost his admiration for the way two fighters acknowledge one another after the fight. Sometimes they embrace, sometimes they just touch gloves.

His wife Lorraine works as a real estate agent. "There is one difference between boxing and real estate," she says. "You can trust people more in boxing than real estate."

Don has no doubts or second thoughts about his work. None of the allure has worn off. "My wife and I have made a lot of friends in boxing," he says, gratefully, "and I don't get upset now when there's problems. I've worked with thousands of managers, and some of them are thieves and whores. Some of them will always live up to their word. You know who has honor, who you can trust. Managers like Willie Ketchum, Jackie McCoy, Bobby Gleason, always lived up to their word. When Gil Clancy was a manager we'd discuss just weight and money, and that was it. I'd say, 'Gil, do you want me to send you a contract?' and he'd say, 'No need to, Don. Nothing's going to change.' He could always be trusted. If you want to sign a fighter you have to deal with his manager. And that's when you start to learn about being a promoter." □

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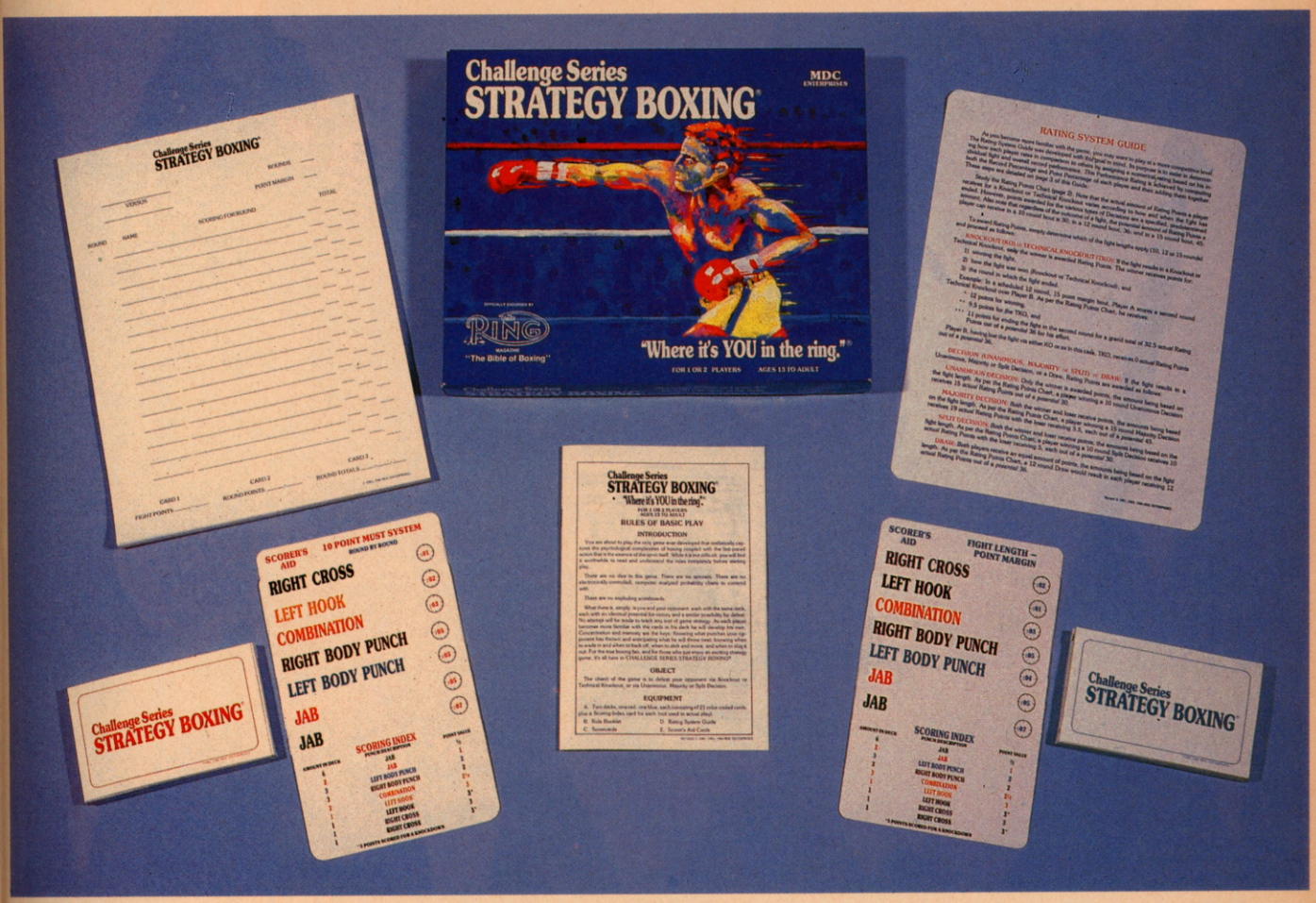

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